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REDS LAUNCH YANGTSE ATTACK

Stalin Names Place For Truman Meeting

Paris, February 2.—Generalissimo Stalin today invited President Truman to meet him either in Moscow, Kailashnagar, Odessa or Yalta—wherever the President chooses—in a telegram to the International News Service in Paris, reproduced in a special edition of the evening newspaper, France Soir.

Generalissimo Stalin's message said the meeting could be alternatively arranged in Poland or Czechoslovakia. If there were any objections to a meeting in the Soviet Union, the message, marked "Telegram, Official Urgent," was addressed to Mr. Kingsbury Smith, the European director of the American news agency.

It was apparently in reply to a telegram sent by Mr. Kingsbury Smith to the Kremlin yesterday.

The Soviet Premier said he had for a long time wanted to go to Washington, but he was medically advised against a long journey by sea or air.—Reuter.

Li Tsung-jen May Try Personal Flight Into Communist Territory

Nanking, February 2.—President Li Tsung-jen may make a personal flight into Communist territory in the interests of peace if other efforts fail.

Sources close to President Li said he has already considered such a venture—despite the fact that he is on the Red-war criminal list.

Should the President seek a meeting with Mao Tse-tung and other Red leaders at a place of their choice, there is increasing doubt here he could offer them more than a regional peace involving Honan, Nanking and Shanghai.

The time has passed when Li or anyone else other than Chiang Kai-shek can make an agreement involving the whole nation and keep it, one Chinese leader said. "There is even doubt that Chiang himself could make a pact binding on all areas of China."

It appeared to many here that the President was under pressure from cliques already moved South and that he might shift the emphasis of his efforts from negotiation on a national scale to dealing only on the Yangtse Valley.

Delivery of the lower Yangtse from Hankow to the sea to the Reds in exchange for certain concessions would in many ways resemble the transaction by which Fu Tse-yi surrendered Peking.

Favourable Position

President Li is in a position, with the help of General Fu, to negotiate for surrender of these three cities and to deliver, should he reach agreement with the Reds.

Complete absence of the military in the Nanking area strengthened belief that the President was making some progress in his efforts although there was an official silence on the subject.

A personal peace envoy of President Li meanwhile, has left on a secret 75-mile journey up the Grand Canal through Red territory in Kiangsu Province to contact the Red Army headquarters at Hwaiyin.

Messages today from Chinkiang, opposite the mouth of the Grand Canal, said that the envoy would attempt to persuade the Communist not to attack the Nanking-Shanghai area while the Government was intensifying its attempts to negotiate for peace.

The Weather

At 0800 GMT (5 p.m. HKST) a Siberian anticyclone is gradually intensifying and spreading SE over China with a ridge extending SE over the Ryukyu. A shallow depression now centred over the Pacific SSE of Tokyo continues to move E. Pressure gradients over the area are gradually increasing.

Today's forecast: Light and variable winds at first SE or NE later, fine stretching clearing during the morning. Becoming fair.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 72.0 deg. F. Minimum: 52.0 deg. F. Sunshine: 7.8 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 8.0 mm.—0.31 inch. at station. An average of 88.0 mm.—3.47 inches. Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Bar. at m.s.l. 1012.0 1014.4 m.m. Equiv. 1009 1011.4 inches. Rel. Humidity 61 67 Dew Point 64 64 deg. F. Wind Direction 204 18 Wind Force 1 3 Tides— Time H. L. High 1815 4.8 Low 0555 2.5

Civil War Threatens In Korea

Chungking, Korea, February 2.

One thousand Soviet-trained North Korean troops have invaded the American-occupied South Korean Republic, and a high South Korean official said today the action might mean open civil war between the two zones.

The 1,000 invaders were supported by 2,000 reinforcements who remained North of the 38th Parallel in 40 or more pillboxes built under cover of night.

Mr. Shin Sung-no, Minister of Home Affairs for South Korea, said the invasion definitely was not guerrilla action but might mean full-fledged war between the North and South. "It is an international affair,"—United Press.

Japan's Grandiose Shipping Plans

Washington, February 2.—The National Federation of American Shipping objects to reported Japanese plans to charter foreign ships and to operate outside Japanese home waters.

A Federation spokesman said that by their own estimates of their import volume, the Japanese have no use for a merchant fleet as big as the one for which they are reported to be preparing to ask the Occupation authorities and the Secretary of the Army, Kenneth Royall.

The spokesman said that the Nippon Times of Tokyo estimates Japan's imports for fiscal 1949 at 8,000,000 tons.

"They have ample ship capacity now to handle that," he said.

American ship operators favour allowing Japan enough ships to carry one-half of her overseas trade and all of her domestic commerce, the spokesman said.

He said the Federation feels this is not the time to decide the size of the merchant fleet that Japan's future commerce may require.

The spokesman denied that Japan can curtail expenditures appreciably by reducing freight charges through operation of chartered ships.—Associated Press.

Govt Gunboats Sink Red Craft Attempting Crossing

STRATEGIC ICHENG SHELLED

Nanking, February 2.—Communist forces early today launched the first reported attack across the Yangtse River on Nationalist-held Kiangyin, about 85 miles North West of Shanghai, employing mortars and small-arms fire.

The British destroyer, Black Swan, passing down the Yangtse from Nanking, was reported to have witnessed the attack. Black Swan continued her voyage past Kiangyin to Shanghai without incident.

(As she was passing Kiangyin, gun fire was heard and flares were observed in the direction of a village, it was learned in Hong Kong yesterday.)

Nationalist gunboats early today also opened fire on Communist river craft, discovered on the Yangtse near Kiangyin. Two Communist boats were sunk, according to messages from Chinkiang.

Attack Village

Reports that the Communists had begun crossing the Yangtse were not confirmed locally. The latest messages said that the Communists early today had attacked a small village on the North bank of the river, opposite Kiangyin. The village is South of Tinkiang, captured by the Communists.

Communist forces along the river were reported to be attempting to hire junks from civilian boatmen and concentrate vessels in the Grand Canal, ready for the Yangtse crossing.

Yangtse naval gunboats today also commenced shelling Icheng, 26 miles North East of Nanking, according to Chinese reports today.

The reports said Communist forces occupied three-fourths of Icheng while Nationalist troops still held an area stretching from the city's South gate to the North bank of the Yangtse River.

Control of Icheng by Red General Chen Yi's forces, which were reported to have brought up heavy artillery pieces, would put the Communists in an excellent position to hurl shells across the river and knock out the Nanking-Shanghai railway.

"Not Clear"

The military situation at Tsin-kang, Nationalist-held city 120 miles East of Nanking, became "not clear" today as military and commercial telegraph communications between that city and Chinkiang were broken. The term "not clear" used in press dispatches usually indicates the fall of a place is imminent, if not already captured.

General Chang Chih-chung, North West China commander

General Hsueh Issues Denial

Canton, February 2.—General Hsueh Yueh, Governor of Kwangtung, today denied he told a foreign news agency he would form an independent four-province military bloc to fight the Communists regardless of the outcome of the forthcoming peace talks.

In a denial issued through Central News, General Hsueh said he also did not tell the foreign agency that he would not welcome shifting the capital to Canton or that he would welcome the Premier Dr. Sun Fo to Canton only to lead the four-province anti-Communist bloc.

He said he was misquoted.—United Press.

General Lo Chwan-to, of the Nationalist garrison headquarters, denied the reports that Kwangsi troops had taken over the defenses of Pukow and Puchen, a few miles North of Nanking.

About two-thirds of General Li Yen-nien's Nationalist 6th army still hold the Pukow peninsula, General Lo said.

Civilians are slowly trickling back to Pukow after the mass exodus in the past few weeks. Pukow's populace abandoned the city after it appeared that Communist troops possibly might attempt to capture it.

At Communist-occupied Yangchow, 40 miles North East of Nanking, a regional Red war criminals list has been issued, according to messages received in the capital. Municipal councillors, who have not fled from the city, were said to have been arrested. Several money speculators have been shot.

General Chang Chih-chung, North West China commander

STOP PRESS

Paris, February 2.—The French Premier, M. Henri Queuille, today offered Paris as a place of meeting for Generalissimo Stalin and President Truman.

He was replying to a questioner at the Anglo-American Press Association luncheon here.

M. Queuille said during a speech: "To assure the peace of the world and see all conflicts settled is what I want most in the world. But to do this we need actions not words."—Reuter.

Washington, February 2.—The White House stated officially today that President Truman was willing to meet Generalissimo Stalin, but only in Washington.

The White House replied to Marshal Stalin's new invitation to the President by referring once more to Mr. Truman's recent statement that he would be willing to meet the Russian Premier, but only in Washington.

Mr. Charles G. Ross, the Presidential Press Secretary, stated that no official invitation had been received from Marshal Stalin nor had any direct word from the Kremlin been received beyond what was contained in Marshal Stalin's statement to the press.—Reuter.

and one of the Government peace delegates, told the Central News at Lanchow today that the Communist insistence on punishment of war criminals has not dashed all hopes for peace.

Red Strategy?

General Chang's views coincided with opinion of other peace advocates inside the Government, who steadfastly refused to accept the theory of the war group that the war criminal condition closed the door to peace.

A highly placed source advanced the belief that Communist insistence on the punishment of war criminals was made with the primary objective of scaring away former Government ultra-conservative elements who are closely identified with retired President Chiang Kai-shek.

In Canton meanwhile, the possibility of the Nationalist Cabinet holding its first meeting in the new capital of Canton on Saturday is thought to be remote.

This follows Nanking reports that President Li Tsung-jen has urged Cabinet Ministers in Canton and other Chinese cities to return to Nanking.

No important Ministers, however, have arrived here.

Russians Arrive

Further representatives of the British, Indian and Russian Embassies arrived today. Representatives of other foreign missions, including the French and Canadian, are expected in the next few days.

The Russian delegation arriving today was headed by M. Rochedin, Soviet Ambassador.

Although most foreign diplomats are staying in the Oi Kwan, the city's most modern hotel, requisitioned for the purpose by the Government, the Russians are living apart. They are staying in their own adjoining buildings in Shamen.

The Counsellor to the British Ambassador, Mr. J. A. Coghill, located a further British party that arrived from Nanking today, while four members of the Indian Embassy staff, led by the First Secretary, Mr. P. Ratman, are also here.

Other foreign diplomats who are already in Canton are Mr. Lewis Clark, United States Minister, Mr. L. Merchant, Counsellor to the United States Ambassador, and Mr. Charles Lee, First Secretary of the Australian Embassy.—Reuter-AAP and United Press.

More Than 20 Killed In Canton Explosion

More than 20 military personnel were killed on Tuesday in a fire which broke out on a petrol laden landing craft at Canton.

A terrific explosion, followed by a series of smaller ones, set 3,000 drums of aviation petrol alight. Windows within a radius of half a mile were shattered.

The blaze, which started at 10.20 a.m., burned furiously throughout the day. It began dying down at 6 p.m. and burned itself out early yesterday morning.

The drums of petrol were among some 3,000 cases of ammunition shipped by the landing craft from Shanghai. The craft belonged to the Chinese Merchants Steam Navigation Company.

The craft arrived at Canton during the Chinese New Year holidays. Fortunately, all the cases of ammunition were unloaded before the explosion occurred.

Workers injured

A number of workers on shore were injured by blast and debris.

The landing craft was alongside the military wharf at Talmatou when the explosion occurred.

Canton's entire fire fighting force—12 fire engines and a number of auxiliary appliances—were sent to the area but all the firemen could do was to prevent nearby structures from being set alight.

The Canton authorities have ordered an official enquiry into the fire.

Rita With Future In-Laws



The American film star, Miss Rita Hayworth, (centre) poses for a picture with her prospective parents-in-law, the Aga Khan and the Begum. Behind Rita stands Princess Ali Khan. The picture was taken at a press conference held in Cannes recently, in the course of which the Aga Khan gave his blessing for the couple's proposed marriage. Also in picture (left background) is Mr. Mr. J. G. B. Campbell, of the Guaranty Trust Bank in Paris.—(AP Photo).

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Siamese Commission Approves Plans For 1950 Bangkok Fair

(Exclusive To The "China Mail")

The Siamese Economic Commission has approved plans for the first international Exposition to be held at Bangkok in 1950, the "China Mail" was exclusively informed last night. Hong Kong will be asked by Siam to act as one of the co-hosts.

With final Government action expected shortly, it is anticipated that offices of the World Exposition will be opened by February 1, next year. The Fair is planned to open on the birthday of the Siamese king, on December 5, 1950.

It will last through the dry season until March, 1951.

Official invitations to participate are expected to be issued in March, 1950, to more than 25 nations. There will be more than 1,500 commercial exhibitions.

Under the plans for the undertaking, Siam will formally ask her neighbouring Far East countries to act as co-host participating nations. They include Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Burma, Malaya, Singapore, China, Borneo, Indo-China, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Promoters of the mammoth international event, who were recently informed by the Siamese Economic Commission of their approval, are Mr. Jorge Orgibet, American advertising man residing in Bangkok, and Mr. R.S. Konpitt, Dutch businessman.

They have been joined by prominent Siamese business leaders in establishing the Far East Exposition Association. The Siamese Government will participate in an official capacity.

The Fair is planned to be held in the spacious Lumpini Park, where two lakes and nearly two years landscaping work will transform it into a lush setting for exhibition of the finest Far Eastern art, culture, industry and commerce.

More than 40 buildings will be erected to house the main exhibits.

The American representative appointed by the Fair Committee is Mr. Noel Rosefelt, of the Catalina Wild Life Expeditions, who recently brought a consignment of rare reptiles, sloth bears and tropical birds to America.

Mr. Rosefelt, at present at Bangkok preparing a large scale elephant safari, which will be filmed, has already procured 30 prominent American organisations, including Ford Motors, Pan-American Fishery Corporation, and Buick Motors.

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"	"	50s	3.00	"
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"	555	50s	3.50	"
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TURKISH A.A.	"	50s	2.50	"
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Alleged To Have Robbed Former School Mate

Newsman Summoned At Central

The editor, publisher and proprietors of the San Sang Man Po were all summoned before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday with publishing an article in their paper of an indecent nature.

Mr. Marcus da Silva, representing all defendants, pleaded not guilty.

Inspector C. T. Byron of the SCA presided.

The defendants are Ko Hung, editor, Lai Kwok-yin, publisher, and Chin Pak-mah, Lai Yin-woh and Sze-to Bat, proprietors.

At the previous hearing, Mr. Chung King-pui, an Assistant SCA, was cross-examined at length by defence counsel relative to indecency and obscenity and yesterday Mr. Chung was further cross-examined on that point by Mr. Silva.

In reply to a question by Mr. Silva as to the number of staff he had in carrying out the rendering of Chinese newspapers, Mr. Chung replied that before the war when there was censorship, he had a staff of 12, but now he has only one man.

Shown a translated article of the Sing Tao Jih Pao of August 15 issue, in which an identical article appeared, Mr. Silva wanted to know if that identical article had been overlooked. Mr. Chung said it must have been.

Mr. Chung was then questioned at length in regard to various phrases and illustrations from an English encyclopedia of sexual practice and was asked to give his personal opinion whether he regarded them as indecent or obscene.

Further hearing of the case was then adjourned to February 22, at 2.30 p.m.

Bus Drivers Must Wear Their Badges

All bus conductors are compelled by the Traffic Regulations to wear the numbered badges issued to them by the company, said Traffic Sub-Inspector Richard Brown when Chan Cheong, conductor employed by the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., was summoned before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for failing to wear his badge.

TSI Brown said that defendant's bus was stopped by Police-constable 1389 at Tai Po Road at 2 p.m. on January 9 for overcrowding and defendant asked to produce his badge as he was not wearing one at the time.

Defendant stated that he did not have it with him and was told to bring it to the Traffic Office. He failed to do so and was taken three days after the offence.

Defendant was cautioned and discharged.

FIREWORKS

Charged with the possession of 910 lbs of fireworks without a permit, Yuen Tsai-wan, a shopkeeper, was fined \$100 by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday. The fireworks were ordered to be confiscated.

Another shopkeeper, Wong Kai-met, of Hing Lee at No. 48 Bonham Street East who was charged with the possession of 36,000 lbs of fireworks, had his case adjourned to February 4.

Mr. P. H. Sin will appear for the defence.

The allegation that he enticed his former school-mate to Ngau Chi Wan and there, with the assistance of a 16-year-old youth, robbed him of \$120 was made against Cheung San-sang, aged 17, when he was brought before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr on committal proceedings on the charge of robbery by two or more.

Stockily built Cheung, who was stated to be from Mauritius, spoke in Hakka during the proceedings. By his side was a rosy-cheeked baby-faced boy who gave his age as 13 but which Dr. B. S. Khoo testified to be about 16.

At the conclusion of the police case, conducted by Detective-Inspector D. L. Davies, both accused were committed for trial.

Tsang Gon, a foki of the Nam Kok Bookstore, of 670 Nathan Road, said that he knew the first accused when they were students in the same school in the village.

At 7 p.m. October 18, Cheung went to his shop, told him that he (Cheung) was working at the Red Lion Inn and invited witness to dance there, free of charge. Witness told the accused that he was busy that night, and suggested that Cheung should call for him at 8 p.m. on October 20.

When he returned from Shanghai at 7.30 p.m. on that date, he continued witness, he saw Cheung outside the shop. After taking his bath, he accompanied first accused to the Nam Fung Cafe at Nathan Road and there met the second accused.

They sat at the same table, but he was not introduced to the youth.

After the first accused had consumed a pork chop and a bottle of beer, and the second had left the cafe and boarded a bus for Ngau Chi Wan, as Cheung, who paid for the meal and the bus fares, said he wanted to look for a friend.

They got off at Customs Pass Road and Clear Water Bay Road junction, said witness, and walked along Customs Pass Road. After a short while he suggested that they should return, as they did not meet any one along the road.

Dodges And Escapes

"Suddenly the first accused put both his arms around my neck," Tsang said. "The second accused came up from behind and took \$120 from my hip pocket. After the money had been taken, and before the first accused released me, the first accused wanted to take away the wrist watch I was wearing. On seeing this, I dodged and escaped from him. I ran down Customs Pass Road. The second accused picked up some stones and threw them at me. I was struck on the left ear."

Witness went on to say that the second accused also chased him for a short distance. When he got down to Clear Water Bay Road, witness said, he stopped and boarded a passing bus. When asked for his fare he told the conductor that he had no money as he had just been robbed. He was advised to report to the Police, which he did when the bus reached the Kowloon City Police Station.

At 9 p.m. on December 10, went on witness, he was with Detective Sub-Inspector Chak Ho-ka and Detective-constable Wong Ming at Hankow Road when he saw both accused coming out of the Star Theatre. He pointed them out to the detectives and they were arrested.

Tsang Dick, another foki of the same bookstore, stated that at 7 p.m. on October 20, a man who looked like a Portuguese (and identified as first accused) called at the shop and asked another foki, Li Kau, for "Tsang."

As he was of that surname he went up to the caller but was told "Not you, it's Tsang Gon I am looking for." He called Tsang Gon, and later saw him leaving the shop with the first accused.

Accident Victim Still Hospitalised

Miss Mary Fisher, Assistant Principal Matron of the Lanchuk Hospital, has been in hospital since December 18 last, suffering from a fractured right leg, and is likely to be incapacitated for another two months.

The case was revealed by Traffic Sub-Inspector Richard Brown when Lo Yee-wo of 40 Nullah Street, second floor, was summoned before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with careless driving.

TSI Brown said that defendant was driving private car 1180 along Tai Po Road and, when near the Lanchuk Hospital, ran into and knocked down, Miss Fisher who was walking with two friends.

There is no footpath on the road, said DSI Brown, and Miss Fisher, and her friends were walking in single file. There was apparently no excuse for defendant knocking Miss Fisher down as she was walking on her right side of the road.

Defendant pleaded that the accident took place just when he was rounding the bend near the hospital. The three persons, he said, were walking abreast.

A fine of \$75 was imposed.

Fatal Traffic Accidents

Twelve fatal traffic accidents occurred in the Colony during December. In addition, 50 pedestrians were seriously injured and 103 slightly injured.

An official statement yesterday listed 28 "black spots" on the island where traffic accidents totalling 215 occurred during December.

The biggest individual number of accidents occurred on King's Road between the junction of Tung Lo Wan Road and the Talkoo Dock-yard West Gate. Along this road, 24 accidents, one fatal, occurred in December.

Accused In Extortion Case Gaoled

"The accused have been found guilty of a crime which is an improvement of what happened in the Middle Ages in England," remarked Mr. Justice Wicks when he passed sentences of hard labour on four prison warders yesterday, after a jury comprising five men and two women found them guilty as charged.

Timothy Din, Gussy Maria, Santos and Jose Maria Dias Azedo, were each given two years' while Supt. Ahmed was given eighteen months in consideration of his age.

The four were found guilty of 11 counts of demanding money, with menaces, corruption in office and conspiracy.

At the commencement of yesterday's hearing, Azedo went into the witness stand and gave a statement on his own defence, after which he was cross-examined by Mr. M. Heenan, who prosecuted.

The first three accused pleaded for leniency. Azedo, asked by Mr. Wicks what he had to say before sentence was passed upon him, told the Court and the members of the jury: "If you have found me guilty, punish me."

After passing sentence, Mr. Justice Wicks remarked that "in the Middle Ages, money was taken from the prisoner himself, but that in the case it was taken from the relatives of the prisoner."

Mr. Wicks concluded by telling the accused that he hoped they would lead useful lives when they came out of prison.

Damaged Footpath

In the first case of this kind to be heard in Kowloon, Chan Chung, aged 32, of 288 Portland Street, was fined \$35 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for damaging a public footpath by hammering an iron sheet on it on February 1.

He was additionally fined \$18 on the count of making a noise at night by hammering.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that the Mong Kok police received numerous complaints from the residents in the Sai Yee Street district regarding the din created by defendant hammering iron sheets on the pavement.

A constable sent to the locality at 10.40 p.m. on February 1 found defendant hard at work, beating the sheet. The damage to the pavement was only slight but, according to Inspector Danbrowsky, would have been more extensive if defendant had not been stopped.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs compiled by the Labour Office for the week ended January 29 follow:

Rice and Flour	2.2 ration HK\$4.800
Vegetables	1.0 "
Oil	1.400 "
Bird Cabbages	2 "
Onion	1.400 "
Tea	.800 "
Salt Fish	.800 "
Beef	.800 "
Pork	.800 "
Peanut	.800 "
Firewood	10.0 "
Bean Curd, 14 pieces	.000 "
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Titans And Giants

Slr.—There must be many living in Hong Kong (and throughout the world) whose minds are filled with apprehension as they visualise the possibility of orthodox science coming into its own; as they contemplate round about 1953—chronologically the classic effort of the Titans and the Giants when they decided to invade heaven.

Those statesmen who, speaking with appropriate gestures of emphasis, would solve our problems by a war in which atomic bombs were thrown at either side with a proper sense of direction serve a purpose only in making clear the path to which we have been brought by our own mental feebleness and folly.

The atomic bomb came as the result of the observations of certain phenomena. Orthodox scientists worked at them with enthusiasm. The results were triumphant. A couple of dozen of them working together (or against one another) could now wreck the world material. Note the last adjective.

At about the same time other scientists (infinitely more gifted) observed phenomena indicating forces which, judged either from a material, mental or spiritual angle, had possibilities incomparably greater than the atomic bomb and capable of counteracting it. In order that I may be understood let me name two or three out of many: I name Louis Crooks, Myers, Hodgkin, Barrett and Wallace. They proved their case beyond the point of controversy. It held out possibilities for humanity of benefits almost unimaginable ranging into every department of human life.

Their efforts were side-tracked by orthodox science—consequently which did nothing to develop and exploit the efforts of its own great men, all orthodox, for the purpose of an unnatural alliance, rushed to their assistance, pharisees, sardonic, inquisitors, and scribes, dullness, respectability, and all muggumparty. They joined together and put out a smokescreen which hid the little would-be conquerors. The combined effort has never been surpassed. As an exhibition of stupidity however, it has been paralleled.

The human mind and brain have throughout history, reacted curiously in the face of great events.

The crucifixion of Christ, the poisoning of Socrates, the burning of Joan of Arc, the persecution of Galileo, were not calculated crucifixes. They were events resembling monuments to serve as reminders for all time of the limitations of the human brain mind and intelligence.

The birth of this Earth was unimpeachable. It was a religious zeal behind the burning of Joan of Arc was indisputable. They had their reward in their day and later served history well.

The spirit of Joan, big enough and bright enough to illumine all time, lives on. The clouds that failed to torture her beyond bearing point are dead.

The Atomic Bomb was and is a beastly thing. It had its use and purpose. The coming of it however, was not a great event within the meaning of the phrase I have used above. It was the kind of event the significance of which human intelligence—a very limited thing—can grasp.

The other matter upon the other hand comes within the category. It was a great event capable of being handled wisely or unwisely. Crucifixion, poison, burning as a method of punishment have gone completely out of fashion. There are however modern equivalents. They were used. I do not say it bitterly. I think only that it is a good thing for people, just now and then, to see themselves as they are. Humility is a good thing. We have every reason to be humble.

Perhaps I am wrong in thinking that there is a connection between the coming of the Atomic bomb and the failure of which was obliged to grasp counteracting opportunities offered at about the same time. I have however, an uneasy feeling that I am right.

A last thought which is less depressing.

The Titans and the Giants were defeated.

CHARLES LOSEBY

Disappointed

Slr.—I appreciate the programmes which were broadcast by Radio Hong Kong during the Chinese New Year period, but may I be permitted to ask why it was necessary to broadcast in recording of the Mikado during the afternoon programme on Monday when common sense should have made it obvious that the greater proportion of the listening public was out of doors. To my mind, such programmes as this come to us all too rarely.

Far be it for me to ask for a repeat performance, but may I ask that, on future occasions, when we are able to benefit from such broadcasts, there should be some intelligence displayed in the selection of the times at which such programmes are broadcast.

Disappointed Listener

Gratified

Slr.—We are extremely gratified to note that no less a person than Captain David Gammans, M.P., has, in his meeting with members of the Reform Club, supported our contention that the elimination of subversive elements and potential fifth columnists is a matter for a civil, rather than a military, organisation and it is to be hoped that even at this late date Government may see fit to make the formation of the Volunteer Defence Force in its projected form the subject of further consideration.

Captain Gammans has said, and we assume that he spoke with authority, that we can depend for defence against external aggression upon the British Empire, but that the suppression of internal disorders must be our task, and he has pointed to the difficulties encountered by military forces in Malaya in their attempts to suppress Communist inspired acts of terrorism, acts which are now being planned in effective Police action had been taken in time.

Such action is unquestionably the Special Branch of the Police Force but this branch of the Hong Kong Police Force in its present state is unfit to undertake the task and the enlargement and improvement thereof is a matter which should receive top priority. We think that we are correct when we say that few of the Chinese and even fewer of the European members of the staff of this Branch speak any Chinese dialect other than Cantonese, yet one of the strongest groups of potential fifth columnists in the Colony is composed of Northern collaborators who sought refuge here after the war and who move in their own circles, from which Cantonese are excluded. It is as well to remember that these men became collaborators for their own personal gain and not for any motives of principle. They will do so again if given the opportunity and they should be weeded out before that opportunity arises.

Every Briton hopes to see Hong Kong remain a British Colony and is prepared to do his best to ensure that it does remain so and there are many who are, moreover, to meet the physical demands of modern warfare, are nevertheless, sufficiently fit to offer a valuable contribution to the forces of law and order by lending their support to a Special Police Force. Many of these available men, moreover, by reason of their experience and language qualifications, capable of rendering assistance in the elimination of political undesirable. Let us not leave this, as did those in command in Malaya, until it is too late.

Could not our contribution to the defence of the Empire be better made by the provision of intensive courses of training in military subjects and modern weapons by qualified instructors from Home for men of military age and standard of fitness rather than by the formation of a Force the greater portion of which would never be called into action?

The formation of a Police Force would cost a negligible sum, compared with that which is proposed to spend upon the Volunteer Defence Force and a reduction in that Force on the lines suggested above would render possible the attainment of both objectives at no additional cost.

We hope that Government will pay heed to the points raised by Captain Gammans.

W.

COOLIES CHARGED WITH STEALING

Four coolies, Wong Wing, aged 32, Hui Chung-fat, aged 32, Wong Shing, aged 27 and Hui Suk, aged 29, were charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with stealing 11 sacks of beans, the property of Wah Lam. Defendants pleaded not guilty and the case was remanded for one week.

"According to the prosecution a police patrol car was going along Queen's Road West when near Belcher Street the police saw the defendants carrying a number of sacks.

On seeing the car, defendants dumped the sack and ran away. They were arrested after a chase. Defendants were employed as coolies for unloading beans at the Kennedy Road Quay.

FIVE CENTS CAUSE OF STABBING

It all arose over a five cent note.

One little boy lent another little boy five cents. When instead of a crisp new five cent note such as the one he lent out, he received in return a greasy, crumpled note, that was almost falling to pieces, he was furious.

In the resulting dispute, the lender slapped the borrower on the wrist with a pen knife.

Before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, the eight-year-old little boy pleaded guilty to the charge of causing actual bodily harm.

He was ordered to be given four strokes of the cane.

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HOLLYWOOD STORE—Now on display new consignment of Gowns—Coats—Suits, etc. Stock taking sale as from today. Costume Jewellery—Handbags—Shoes—Dresses—Suits and Coats from \$40—\$100. Room 208, Melbourne Hotel, 10 A.M.—12 P.M. and 3 P.M.—6.30 P.M.

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FOR YOUR coats, suits, dresses and hats address yourselves to Madame LAVENIER French couturiere and modiste, 3 Humphrey's Building, Carnarvon Road 3rd floor, Kowloon—Telephone No. 60233.

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CARPETS & RUGS—Genuine Peking and Tientsin, lovely designs and colourings, various sizes. Come and inspect at The China Rug Co., Kowloon Building, 4th Floor (Opposite Hong Kong Hotel), Queen's Road, Central.

CARPETS, embossed, plain, fancy, in Chinese Oriental and Persian designs. All sizes. All colours. Carpet Industries 63 Austin Road, Kowloon.

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FOR SALE second hand Westinghouse Refrigerator in perfect working order. Can be seen any morning, Hong Kong Side, price 600. Dollars. Box 727 "China Mail".

INDUSTRIAL firm has part of its installation available for the manufacture of new metal articles. Will those interested please send enquiries to Box No. 726 "China Mail".

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PHOTOGRAPHURE PORTRAITS of Their Majesties the King and Queen, size 22½ x 30, suitable for menus and clubs, \$15 each, at Ye Olde Printers, Ltd.

BRIDGE SCORING PADS, 100 sheets per pad, \$1.00 each or four for \$3.50, at Ye Olde Printers, Ltd.

HONG KONG FILM AND THEATRE NEWS at 50 cents per copy. Obtainable at Leading Book Stores, Newspaper Sellers and "China Mail" Office.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 12th February, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shau Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 3rd February, 1949.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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THE UNION TRADING CO., LTD.

February 1, 1949.

NOTICE

Mr. Jose Eduardo Noronha has this day been authorised to sign per procreation for this Company.

THE SHANGHAI DOCKYARDS LIMITED.

The annual general meeting will be held in Hong Kong on March 11, 1949.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. Agents.

REMINDER
HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries are invited for the Colony Grass Court Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships to be played during the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tennis Tournament commencing February 21, 1949.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops. Entries will close at 5 p.m. on February 11, 1949.

NOTICE

We beg to announce that Mr. Fong Wing Tong and Mr. Lee Wah Chue have joined us as Directors and Chinese Advisory Managers.

DREYER & CO., LTD.

February 1, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Wing Lok St. East between Morrison Street and Cleverly St. will be closed to Traffic as from 8 a.m. on Thursday 3.2.49 until repairs to roadway are completed.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE 1. 2. 49.

NOTICE

We have moved our office from 201, Victory House to Room 112, Marina House on the 1st. February, 1949.

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New DECOMART towels in matching patterns for Bath, Hand, and Face:

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THE KOWLOON MOTOR-BUS CO., (1933) LTD.

REVISION OF FARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from the 1st day of February, 1949, the undermentioned Bus Routes will be divided into Sectional Stages and fares will be charged as follows:—

Route No. 1. Star Ferry and Kowloon City.
Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.

Route No. 2. Star Ferry and Shamshuipo.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Shum Shui Po.

Route No. 3. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 4. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 5. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Chatham Road, Ma Tau Wei Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Austin Road.
2. Austin Road and Kowloon Dock Gate.
3. Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
4. Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.
5. Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 6. Star Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Tai Po Road and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
4. Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 7. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Peace Avenue.
3. Peace Avenue and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 8. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, Knight Street, Cumberland Road and Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 9. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Argyle Street, Waterloo Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Kowloon Hospital.
4. Kowloon Hospital and Kowloon City.
5. Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 10. Star Ferry and The Monument.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Carnarvon Road, Kimberley Road, Austin Road, Cox's Path and Jordan Road.

SECTIONAL STAGE

1. Star Ferry and The Monument. (One Section only).

Route No. 11. Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon City.

Via:—Jordan Road, Gascoigne Road, Chatham Road, Matauwei Road, Tam Kung Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon Dock Gate.
2. Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
3. Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.

Route No. 12. Jordan Road Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.

Via:—Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road (Shumshuipo), Yen Chow Street and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
2. Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
3. Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 13. Jordan Road Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

Via:—Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
2. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
3. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.
4. Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

SCALE OF CHARGES

ROUTE-NOS. 1 TO 13 (INCLUSIVE)
10 cents will be charged for the first Sectional Stage or part thereof, and 10 cents for the subsequent Sectional Stages or part thereof (i.e., 20 cents Through Fare).

British Service Men (Army, Navy and Air Force Personnel) in uniform and children under the age of 12 years will be carried at 10 cents through fare only. Children under the age of 4 years not occupying a seat and accompanied by an adult passenger may be carried free of charge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the company reserves its rights to introduce Two Class Accommodation (i.e. First and Second Class) in the buses operated by the company, and to adjust the fares (within the rates prescribed by this Licence) at any time, upon reasonable notice being given.

MONTHLY TICKETS & SCHOOL CHILDREN TICKETS

As from the Month of February, 1949, Monthly Tickets & School Children's Tickets will be issued at \$18.00 and \$6.00 per ticket respectively; the use of such tickets are restricted to Route Nos. 1 to 13 (Inclusive) only, and can be obtained as follows:—

On 29th, 30th and 31st January and 1st, 2nd and 3rd February between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. at Tsim Tsa Tsui Bus Terminal Office, Kowloon, and thereafter at the Company's Office, 153 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon, during regular business hours only.

School Children's Ticket entitles the holder to a maximum of 4 single journeys daily (Sundays omitted) and confined to the hours of 6.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. only. School children making application for the first ticket shall produce for the Company's records a school certificate bearing his or her photograph.

Monthly Tickets and School Children's Tickets are available for the month of issue only. The Company reserves the right to refuse the issue of Monthly Ticket or School Children's Ticket to any person whom they consider ineligible.

Dated the 27th day of January, 1949.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR-BUS CO., (1933) LTD.
W. S. T. LOUEY, Manager.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"How about forking over a half a buck or so outa this bill, doc? After all, let's not forget who gave him the ulcers in the first place!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

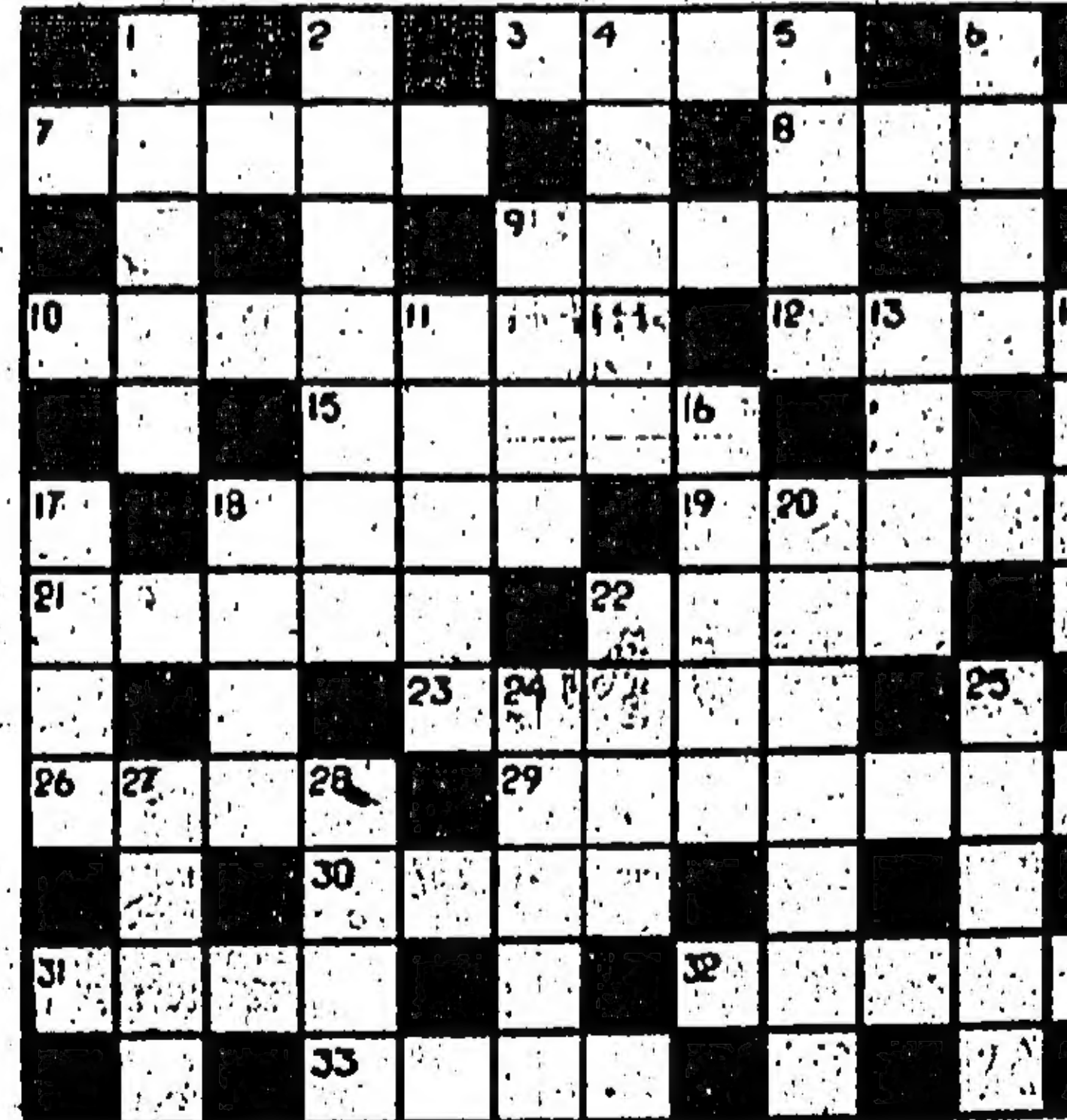
By Shepard Barclay

KNOW COMBINATIONS
MOST advanced players have studied lots of different combinations of the cards in order to know the best ways to play them. It would take a good many hours to figure out the advisable course with certain line-ups, in order to take all the tricks in a suit, all but one, all but two, etc. But if a player has devoted time away from the game to fixing some of them in his mind, he can save his moments during the game and devote them instead to a consideration of other factors.

K had been led, they couldn't understand how he managed to take twelve tricks.
"Simple as could be," he told them. "I merely played the spade suit the way it had to be and found West holding what he had to hold."
He won the heart K lead with the A then embarked on spades. His study told him the only chance was to find West with both the Q and 10. So he led the J, prepared to let it ride, but West covered with the Q and the K won. He returned with a club, then led the spade 9, again ready to finesse, it, which he did when West refrained from the cover with the 10 which would clearly establish the 8. Then the A dropped the 10 and the 8 won. Now the rest of the clubs completed the required dozen, and the diamond K was given up at the end. Knowing the most hopeful way of playing that spade combination earned South a gambling top score on the deal and victory in a close tournament.

Tomorrow's Problem
S A Q 6 4
H Q K J 7 2
D Q 10 9
C J 10 5
S 6 5
H K J
D Q 10
C K Q 8 7
0 4 3
S K J 10 8 2
H 8 5
D A J 5 4
C A 3
(Dealer: West, Neither side vulnerable).
After South bids 1-Spade, West 2-Clubs, North 2-Spades and East 3-Hearts, what should South do?

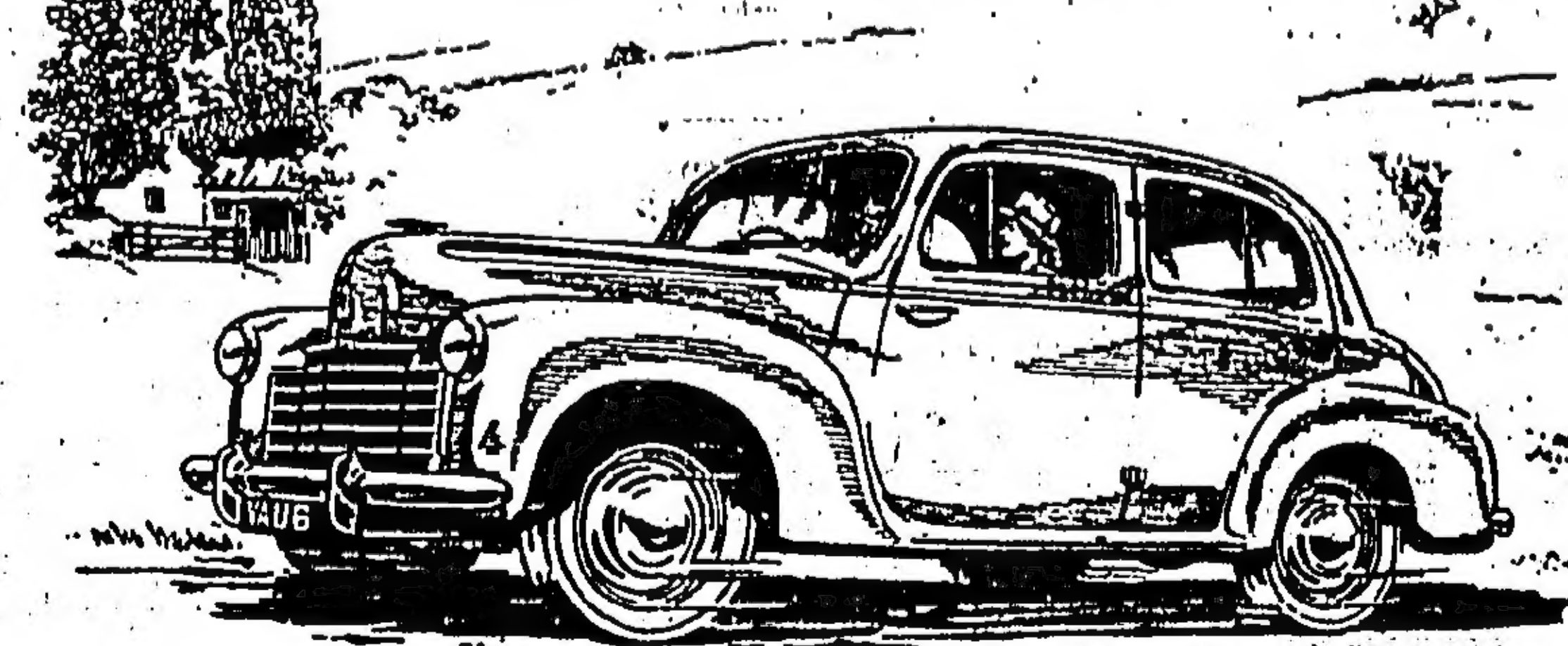
A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
3 Dry.
7 Examine thoroughly.
8 Spoken.
9 Pace.
10 Turn aside.
12 Dash.
15 Revolve.
18 Pierce.
19 Wash out.
21 Swift.
22 Repair.
23 Dispossess.
26 Slope.
29 Intervening time.
30 Tardy.
31 Jot.
32 Show.
33 Invalid.
Down
1 Welcome.
2 Clear away.
4 Ceremonies.
5 Drug.
6 Facts.
9 Remnant.
11 Diminish.
13 Loan.
14 Necessity.
16 Upright.
17 At a distance.
18 Appear.
20 Concentrated.
22 Pil.
24 Of first importance.
25 Tendon.
27 Eager.
28 Scheme.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—1 Placid, 7 Omen, 9 Dirge, 10 Lemon, 11 Putt, 13 Rodomont, 15 Stir, 16 Mont, 19 Deliberate, 22 Stun, 24 Elder, 25 Ennui, 26 Rate, 27 Rattle.
DOWN—2 Lurid, 3 Cream, 4 Dilute, 5 Composer, 6 Bent, 8 Mount, 12 Term, 13 Romps, 14 Extended, 17 Adult, 18 Mirror, 20 Eject, 21 Annuity, 23 Teak.

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GUERRILLAS ACTIVE IN JAVA, SUMATRA

Churches Back Java Action

Amsterdam, February 2. A group of church leaders declared today that the recent Dutch conquest of Indonesia is the only reasonable step the Dutch Government could have taken under the present circumstances.

The statement was made by Executive Members of the International Council of Christian Churches, who met here to discuss a recent declaration of the Dutch Reformed Church disapproving the Dutch action.

The members agreed with a recent letter written by Arie Kok, General Secretary of the Council, in which he said the Dutch action will prevent Indonesia from becoming a second China.

Kok's letter was written to Dr. W. O. H. Garman, President of the American Council of Christian Churches, which is described as an American organization representing 15 Protestant denominations and over 1,000,000 members.

The International Council, founded last year in Amsterdam, represents politically conservative churches throughout the world. Associated Press.

Longest Pier Being Repaired

Manila, February 1. The longest pier in the Far East, badly damaged in the war, is being reconstructed.

Work has started on rebuilding of Manila's Pier 13 as one of the main projects of U. S. army engineers in the programme of rehabilitating Philippine port and harbour facilities under the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946.

The pier, formerly known as Pier 7, is 1,400 feet long. Before the war it had one long cargo shed. The reconstructed pier will have four separate cargo sheds for greater efficiency. United Press.

LANDING RIGHTS FOR DUTCH

London, February 1. Britain has granted Dutch KLM airlines landing rights on Mauritius Island in the Indian Ocean. The Dutch are not to use the landing field for planes bearing military supplies.

India and Pakistan recently denied Dutch planes the right to land in their territories because of the Dutch military operations against the Indonesians. United Press.

STAR

17 Hankow Road, Kowloon
TODAY
2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

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GENE KELLY
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DOROTHY MALONE PENNY EDWARDS DAVID BUTLER

TOMORROW

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I'll be Yours
MERJOU
A SUPERIOR INTERNATIONAL PICTURE

Batavia, February 2. A Dutch military review said today that guerrillas continued attacks throughout Java and Sumatra all through the past week. It said guerrillas hammered at road traffic and interfered with industry.

The Army reported progress in mopping up operations against Indonesian Republicans except in Northern Sumatra's Ache Mountains area, the last remaining Republican area which the Dutch forces have not penetrated.

The review said Dutch forces regularly have been seizing large amounts of munitions and weapons from guerrilla forces and cutting down their ability to strike.

A communique said fighting is increasing in the Northern Sumatra area of Sumatra about 23 miles North of Medan.

The United Nations Commission for Indonesia reports that it has no further information on whether the Netherlands Government has taken steps to carry out the Security Council resolution.

Strike In Hospitals

Paris, February 1. The staffs of six Paris hospitals stopped work today without waiting for the results of a strike vote by 34,000 State hospital employees.

A joint committee of the three main unions involved announced later that the first results of the referendum show that 95 per cent of the employees, including nurses, are in favour of the stoppage.

The are protesting against what are called "unsatisfactory wage reclassifications and proposals to stop work for 48 hours."—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 645 kilocycles per second and on 6.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.42 p.m.—"From the Films"
1.00 p.m.—Stephane Grappelly and His Musicians.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel"—Albert Sander and the Palm Court Orchestra with William Herbert (Tenor) (HDCBS).
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.51 p.m.—Children's Story, "The River Handi" by Eileston Trevor (HDC). Episode 4: "Pirate's Peril".
3.25 p.m.—Interlude.
3.30 p.m.—Demi-Heure Française (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).
7.15 p.m.—Mena Silas at the Piano (Studio).
7.30 p.m.—"Down Beat Discs" presented by Paul Stuart (Studio).
8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
8.10 p.m.—"Excerpts from the Opera".
8.30 p.m.—"Concerto" Concerto for Violin and Orchestra: William Walton, Jascha Heifetz and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—Xavier Cugat and His Waldorf Astoria Hotel Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—Book Reviews: Aileen Dekker (Studio).
9.30 p.m.—"The Old Story of Simon Old". A Mystery Serial by Lester Powell. Episode 4: "A Letter from the Dead" (HDCBS).
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade". A Programme of Continuous Music.
10.45 p.m.—Dance to Carroll Gibbons and His Savoy Hotel Orchestra.
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Aussie Coal For Hong Kong

Brisbane, February 1. The Cabinet has approved applications for shipments of 5,000 and 2,000 tons of coal to Hong Kong or China this month.

The Minister for Mines, Mr. T. A. Foley, said the decision follows the first recommendation from the newly constituted State Coal Board.

The Nixon Smith Shipping and Wool Dumping Company, which made the applications, will now have to obtain a Commonwealth export licence. —United Press.

Parade Of Chars In London

London, February 1. One hundred London "chars" (women cleaners), flourishing mop and duster bags, marched along London streets today in the most touching wage demonstration the capital has seen for a long time.

They jiggled along to the music of three Scottish pipers, and carrying posters saying: "Cleanliness is next Godliness. Women cleaners are next to starvation."

All had been up at dawn scrubbing at night to march two miles from the Thames Embankment to Lincoln's Inn Fields, the centre of London's legal activities, for the demonstration.

The cleaners who got 1/8 3/4d. an hour, want two shillings an hour. They are insulted that the Government has only offered them a farthing an hour increase. —Reuter.

Europe Scourged By TB Epidemic

Belgrade, February 1. Tuberculosis has reached epidemic proportions in Europe with more than 100 dying daily in some countries.

Dr. Paul Andresen, head of the Danish Red Cross anti-TB section, says figures show that at least 130 persons are dying each day in Poland and more than 100 in Yugoslavia.

Greece, Austria, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Italy also report areas where the infection rate has reached epidemic proportions.

Dr. Andresen says that the war and the resultant post-war lack of adequate housing, food and clothing have caused the epidemic.

He terms the Yugoslav situation as extremely serious. More than 4,000 persons, mostly children, are being infected daily there, 400 of them actually contracting the disease.

Dr. Andresen met with Yugoslav health officials recently to discuss stamping out the epidemic, which is moving from the North to the South in this country. —United Press.

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COURTROOM IN UPROAR DURING LIBEL CASE

Paris, February 1. Victor Kravchenko rushed angrily across the courtroom today toward one of his libel suit opponents, but was grabbed by an aide before any blows were struck.

Kravchenko made an angry dive toward Andre Wurmser, editor of Les Lettres Francaises, when Wurmser insinuated that one of the prosecution's witnesses worked for the Nazis during the war.

The aide caught Kravchenko's coat and hauled him back. Wurmser only laughed and waved airily at Kravchenko's angry shouts.

The judge, M. Henri Darniche, stationed a Republican Guard between Kravchenko and Wurmser, keeping them 10 feet apart, and called for order in the courtroom, which was in an uproar.

The witness during the scene was a refugee Russian, Gabriel Kysilo, who testified about Soviet prison atrocities. Kysilo said he was arrested at Kharkov by the Germans during the war and sent to Poland. Wurmser implied that the Nazis did not shoot Kysilo at Kharkov because he was working for them.

That brought Kravchenko bounding to his feet, charging toward Wurmser with his arms waving.

Prison Horrors
A few minutes later, Kravchenko did it again. He leaped to his feet and, shouting loudly, took several steps toward the defence counsel, J. Nordmann, who was cross-examining Kysilo.

"Why are you lying?" shouted Kravchenko. "Why are you unable to recognize the truth?" "Dirty pig," he hurled at Nordmann.

A guard led Kravchenko back to his seat.

Kysilo testified that Soviet prisons are filled with "indescribable horrors for the condemned." Continuing his evidence from yesterday, Kysilo supported passages in Kravchenko's book dealing with purges and conditions in the Soviet Union. He said that after being sentenced to 18 years in Siberia, he was put in a cell 12

by 18 metres, containing 24 persons.

"Some of us leaned against the wall," he said. "The rest stood up. I was there for three months and witnessed indescribable horrors."

Members of the women's press were forced to stand up in the courtroom, half-naked with their hands tied behind their backs. She screamed inhumanly. —United Press.

Chinese Warships On Way Home

San Francisco, February 2. Two Chinese warships are to arrive in San Francisco on February 5 for a short visit en route to their homeland. They are the repair ships Tai Ho and Tai Sang, each manned by approximately 200 Chinese officers and enlisted men.

The craft were turned over to the Chinese Government under an agreement between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the U.S. Government shortly after the war with Japan.

U.S. Navy circles in San Francisco understood the vessels are former destroyer escorts, but the Chinese Consul-General, T. K. Chang, believes they are repair ships intended for training purposes in building a Chinese Navy.

Crews of the two vessels have been undergoing familiarization training by American seamen at the Norfolk, Virginia, Navy base. They have been in the U.S. about three months. —Associated Press.

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NORWAY REPLIES TO RUSSIA

Conciliatory Answer To Moscow's Note Seeking Security In A Regional Defence Pact

Denmark's Part In Alliance

London, February 2. Sylvain Mangot, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent writes: Observers in London believe that Russia's note to Norway will speed up the issue from Washington of formal invitations to an Atlantic Union conference.

It has always been assumed in London that invitations to Norway and Denmark will be issued simultaneously. If, as a result of the Soviet note, Norway receives an invitation in the very near future, as now seems likely, Denmark will also seek Parliamentary approval for such a step, it is thought in London.

The Soviet note to Norway caused little surprise in Scandinavian circles in London, where it had been known that Russia was studying the possibility of inviting Norway and Denmark to join the Atlantic Union.

Russia, it is recalled, made a somewhat similar inquiry of Norway some eight months ago on the possibility of her granting bases to the Western powers in Spitzbergen.

Now, as then, Norway will, it is assumed here, be able to give assurances that no permission for foreign bases on Norwegian territory is involved. Reuter.

Britain Shipping Gold To U.S.

London, February 1. Britain is continuing to make big gold shipments to the United States—over £20,000,000 worth was made in December.

The shipments are ascribed to the rebuilding of British-owned gold and dollar stocks in the United States.

These stocks were heavily depleted by arrears of E.R.P. reimbursements to Britain during the first six months of E.R.P. between April and September.

They are now being restored to a more normal level.

During that period Britain had to raise more dollars by actually selling gold to the U.S. Treasury. Since the end of September, E.R.P. receipts, including arrears, have appreciably exceeded the sterling area's dollar deficit, and Britain has been able to replace part of the gold and dollars drawn from reserves in the previous six months.

The present westward movement must thus be only a change of location (or a change from gold into dollars) but not a change of ownership; shipments are additions to Britain's stock of U.S. dollars or stock of gold held in the United States.

Shipments may also include some (probably small) movements on South African account—either shipments by South African authorities via London or gold which they sell direct to the United States, or shipments from Britain on South Africa's behalf, in advance of gold reimbursement from South Africa for a portion of South Africa's hard currency deficit, which London covers as South Africa's agent.

Normally, direct gold shipments from South Africa to the United States are cheaper than triangular shipments via London but the triangular route may sometimes be used in naval vessels. It is understood that no South African gold comes to London except in naval vessels.

Oslo, February 2. Norway yesterday advised the Soviet Union that she is studying the possibilities of joining a defence alliance with the Atlantic powers.

The announcement was made in Norway's reply to the Soviet Union's note asking for an explanation of Norway's attitude to the Atlantic Pact.

The reply, which is framed in conciliatory terms, says Norway welcomes an opportunity to present her views on her security problems to the Soviet Government.

Norway had hoped that the United Nations would be strong enough to assure peace and security, but this hope had not been fulfilled, the note says. Norway must therefore seek regional security within the framework of the United Nations.

As the recent Scandinavian talks had failed to reach an agreement, the note added, it is natural for Norway, as a sovereign nation bordering the Atlantic, to investigate conditions for possible participation in a regional security system comprising Atlantic countries.

The note urges Russia to appreciate that Norway will never participate in any aggressive policy and will never allow her territory to be used for any such policy.

It gives an assurance that Norway will never join any agreement obliging her to open military bases to foreign forces

as long as Norway is not attacked or exposed to threats of attack.

The reply was discussed at a special meeting last night of the Parliamentary Committee for Foreign and Defence Affairs (on which the Communists are not represented).

Cabinet Meets

The Norwegian Cabinet also held a meeting last night. Earlier, the National Executive of the Norwegian Labour (Government) Party had pledged full support to the Government's foreign and defence policy.

Usually well-informed sources here say that during last week-end's Scandinavian defence talks, Norway told the Swedish and Danish delegates that she requires very full guarantees before binding herself to any proposed Atlantic Pact.

On Thursday the Norwegian Parliament will hear a report from the Foreign Minister which will be followed by a foreign affairs debate.

Norway's reply to the Soviet Union reads: "The note which the Soviet Ambassador presented to the Foreign Office on January 29 gave the Norwegian Government a welcome opportunity to express their view of Norway's security and political problems to the Soviet Government."

Serious Desire

"The Norwegian Government had hoped that the United Nations would be strong enough to maintain peace and security for all countries, but developments have shown that this hope is still unfulfilled."

"The Norwegian people's serious desire to secure their freedom has convinced the Norwegian Government that it is necessary to seek increased security through regional defence co-operation."

"Such regional agreements are expressly anticipated in the United Nations Charter and are, in the Norwegian Government's opinion, in accordance with the Charter's objectives in aiming at preventing aggression."

"Lately the Norwegian Government, together with the Danish and Swedish Governments, has investigated the possibilities of increasing the three countries' security through a Nordic defence alliance."

"These investigations have shown that at present the necessary agreement on conditions for, and the consequences of, such an alliance are lacking. In these circumstances, the Norwegian Government, in consideration of Norway's situation bordering the Atlantic Ocean,

and her position as a typical seafaring nation, will make closer investigations into the forms of aid on what conditions Norway might be able to participate in, a regional security system comprising the countries around the Atlantic."

Not Aggressive

"The Norwegian Government must be assured that Norway will never take part in a policy with aggressive aim. She will never allow Norwegian territory to be used in the service of such a policy."

"The Norwegian Government will not join any agreement with other States involving obligations for Norway to open bases for foreign powers' military forces on Norwegian territory as long as Norway is not attacked or exposed to threats of attack."

"Norway and Russia have lived peacefully side by side, as neighbours since time immemorial and the Norwegian Government is convinced that the Soviet Government knows of our country's unbroken tradition in the work for peace and our desire to remain in friendly relations with all peace-loving nations."—Reuter.

Technical Training In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, February 2. The Federation Government is considering a technical training scheme costing \$753,728, 000 and providing facilities for 500 students here.

This is an interim measure. The full project, estimated at nearly \$750,000, is to be developed later. It includes a new technical college with two hostels (each housing 250), staff quarters and a sports stadium.

The new technical college, to be situated on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, is calculated to help meet the crying need for technicians in the country. It is to be residential and equipped with proper laboratory facilities. The interim scheme provides for the same teaching facilities but smaller residences and staff quarters.

Five full-time courses will be provided in civil, electrical, mechanical and telecommunications engineering and survey.

Capital for the project will be appropriated from the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund.—Associated Press.

Washington Drops Hint To Europe On Military Help

Washington, February 1. The State Department said today that the United States hopes Norway and other nations soon will be brought into discussions on the proposed North Atlantic security pact. The statement adds that the U.S. stands firmly on President Truman's announced position that American military assistance will be given only to those nations which co-ordinate their security arrangements with the security plans of the United States.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, added that he can not identify the "other governments" at the present time.

Mr. McDermott said: "Neither Norway nor any other country outside those already engaged in the discussions have been invited to be a party to the pact. We have not been in a position to discuss it with them. But we hope to be in a position to discuss the whole subject not only with Norway but with other governments soon."

It is believed authoritatively that the question of invitations to other governments will be discussed when the British, French, Benelux and Canadian representatives meet Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, for the first time next week.

"Many Inquiries" Mr. McDermott denied reports that the United States directly communicated with the Norwegian Foreign Office over the week-end on the subject of the pact.

He added: "Many people have inquired about the pact. Lately, inquiries concerning the possibilities of military supplies from the United States have been referred to that passage of the President's inaugural message which said that, in addition to the North Atlantic treaty, we will provide military advice and equipment to free nations which will co-operate with us in the maintenance of peace and security."

Asked if the State Department will deny that the American position on Scandinavian participation in the pact was communicated to the Scandinavian Governments before the end of their recent discussions, Mr. McDermott said: "I do not think it would."—Reuter.

RETURN OF A BATTLESHIP

London, February 1. The British battleship Royal Sovereign, lent to Russia during the war and now being returned to Britain, was due to leave Murransk last Thursday for Rosyth, Scotland, but no definite information of her movements is available at the Admiralty.

The Admiralty spokesman said: "We cannot find out whether she has left Murransk, but we are working on the assumption that she has done so." He added that the battleship is due at Rosyth next Thursday.

The Press' Attaché at the Soviet Embassy in London said today: "I think she will arrive on Thursday. If it was agreed, you can be sure she will arrive in accordance with the agreement."

The Soviet Government never breaks its agreements.—Reuter.

Belcher's Successor Appointed

London, February 1. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, has appointed Mr. Lewis John Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, to be Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade in succession to Mr. John Belcher in a junior Ministerial reshuffle officially announced tonight.

Mr. Belcher figured in the Lynskey Tribunal, which recently investigated allegations of corruption in Government circles, and resigned after giving evidence.

Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, at present Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, succeeds Mr. Edwards and is himself succeeded by Mr. C. J. Simmonds, at present a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury.

Mr. H. R. Adams becomes a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury.

The reshuffle, by its extremely limited character, forms an anticlimax to the recent widespread speculation on Government changes in which the names of at least a quarter of Mr. Attlee's Ministry were mentioned.

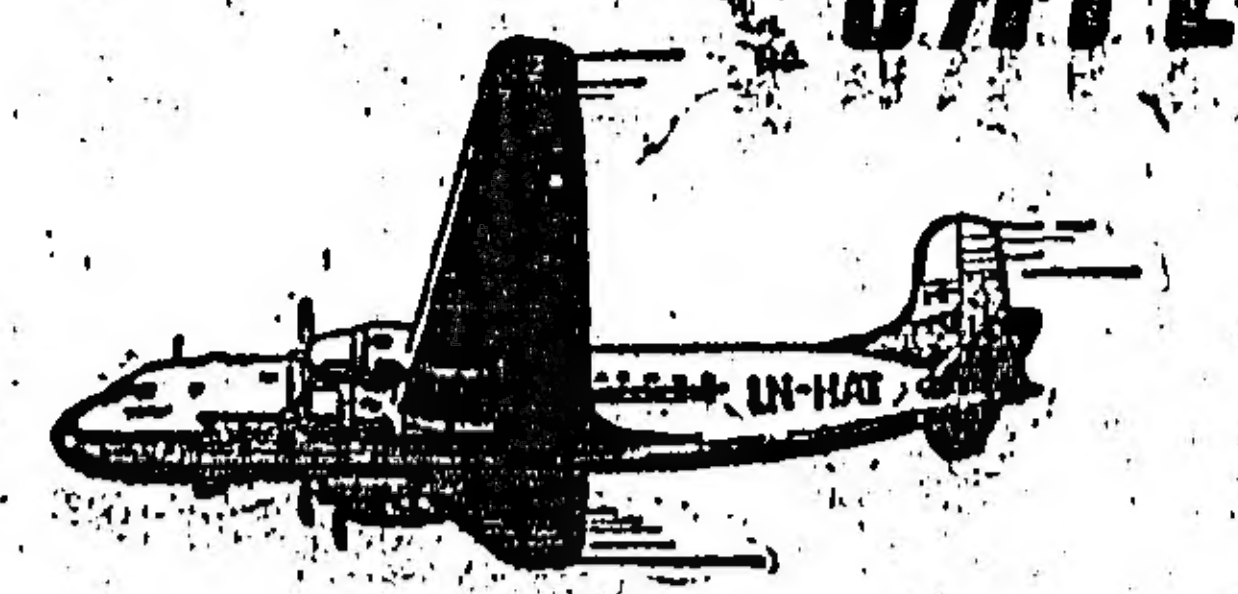
The appointment of Mr. Edwards to succeed Mr. Belcher is the only Ministerial change related to the proceedings of the recent Tribunal.—Reuter.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The photo shows part of the Wing Lok Building, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

London, February 1. A two-penny stamp issued in Cook Island in 1932 with the centre upside down fetched £70 in London today.—Reuter.

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Threat To Ceylon's Rubber

London, February 1. The British Government is studying Ceylon's rubber industry, believed to be threatened with 200,000 unemployed and a partial-collapse unless a government subsidy of 10 cents a lb weight is forthcoming very soon.

The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, has had a long conversation on the subject with the High Commissioner for Ceylon, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, and his Trade Commissioner, Mr. C. E. Jayasuriya, and representatives of the British Board of Trade.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, met Sir Oliver at the Treasury tonight. They discussed the present position of the sterling talks between Britain and Ceylon, now going on in Colombo. The British delegation is expected to leave Colombo for New Delhi on Thursday.—Reuter.

QUESTION FOR MR. ATTLEE

London, February 2. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is to be asked whether he will offer to arrange a meeting between President Truman and Premier Stalin.

A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Ronald Chamberlain, will make the suggestion in the House of Commons on Thursday.—Associated Press.

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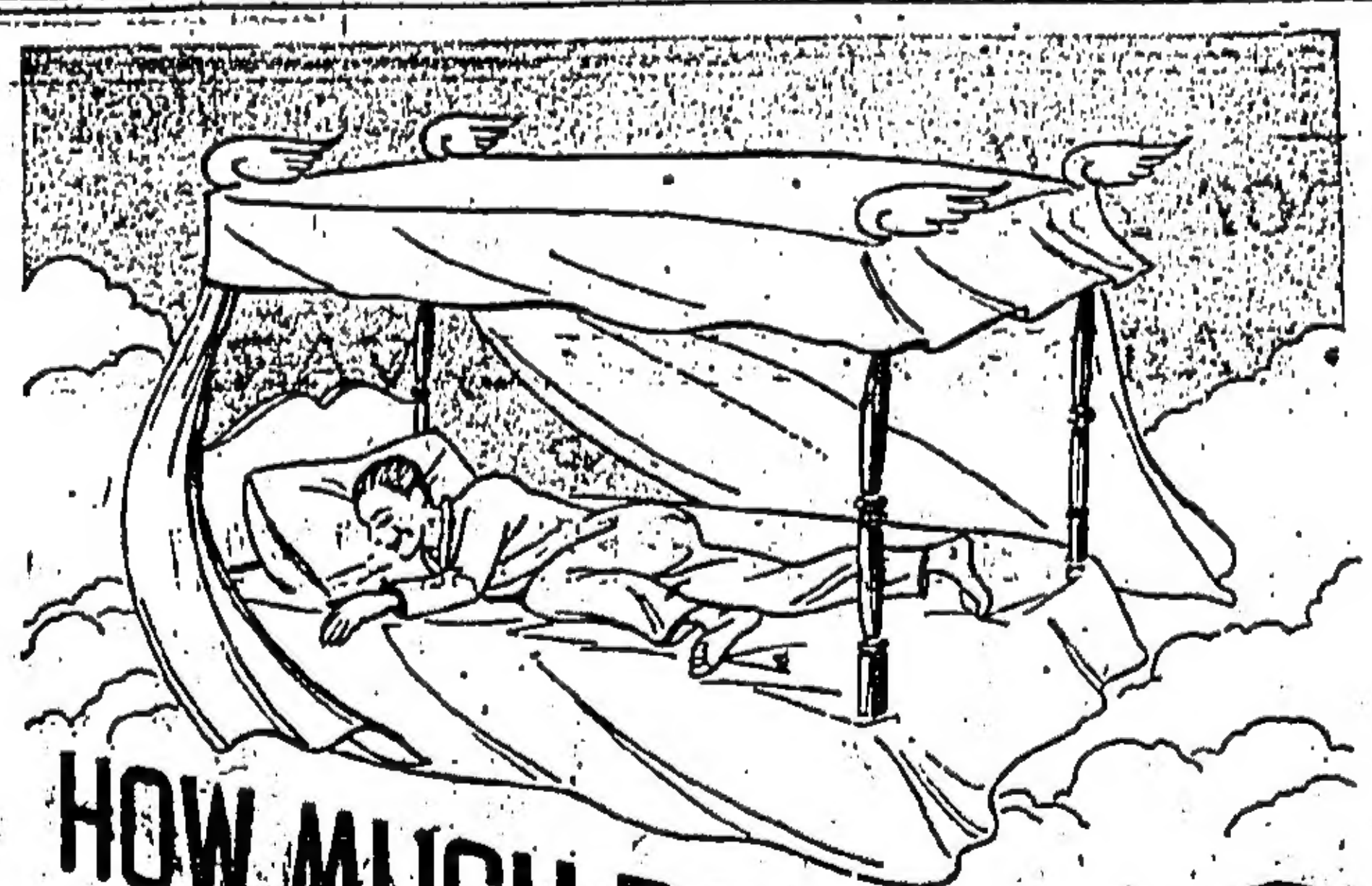
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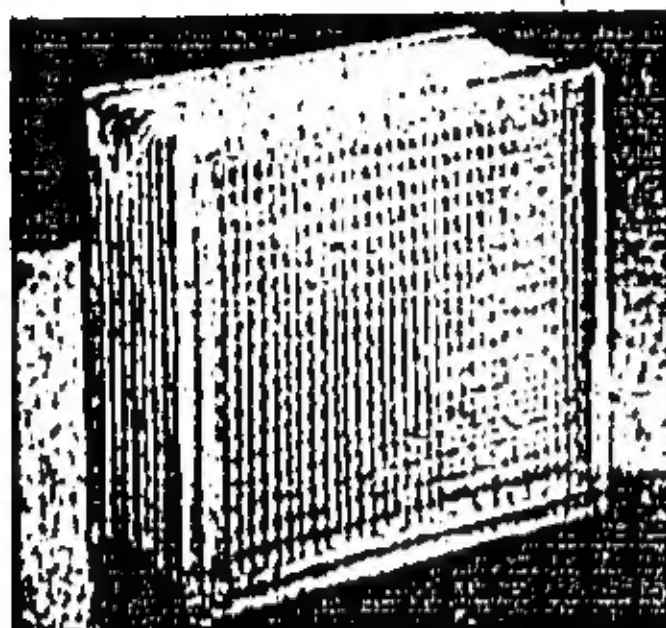
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TENSILE STRENGTH OF CAST IRON TREBLED

The new nodular cast iron, produced in the laboratories of the British Cast Iron Research Association after long research, has so many advantages that experts are satisfied it will eventually supersede ordinary grey cast iron in a number of engineering applications. The new cast iron is made by adding to the molten metal a small amount of cerium. (Most lighter flints are 50 per cent. cerium).

The new process has increased the tensile strength of cast iron three-fold. In World War-I tensile strengths of about 15 tons a square inch were achieved. By World War II these had been improved to about 25 tons a square inch. Iron treated with cerium now gives up to 80 tons a square inch, and the process requires no material change in foundry equipment.

All the raw materials required for making cast iron are available in Britain. The advantages of increased tensile strength, and the fact that variable sections can be made in one piece, and less machining is necessary—these will benefit the whole world.

Moreover, where a quick expansion of production is required, foundries can provide it without the danger of bottlenecks which may arise when materials have to be subjected to longer processes such as extrusion, pressing and forging.

Cast iron is now being used for making engine crankshafts. It has been found necessary to remove only three to ten per cent. of the cast weight in finishing processes, whereas in many cases steel shafts two-thirds to three-quarters of the original forgings have to be removed. The qualities of ordinary cast iron will be further improved by the use of the new nodular cast iron. Nodular cast iron is also easier to machine, strength for strength, so that saving should be possible in cutting tools, time, labour and overheads.

Toughening Metal Surface

Experimental work carried out by Tilghman's Patent Sand Blast Company, Manchester, England, may result in increasing the life of machine parts tenfold. "Shot peening" the name of the process on which research is being carried out, improves fatigue life by peening and so toughening metal surfaces. The life of many working parts of cars can be extended more than tenfold by the new process. Several manufacturers are already shot peening such things as torsion bars, dynamo shafts, clutch springs and crankshafts. It has been found that shot peening also saves time in polishing, and even dispenses with it. One more recent application is in eliminating porosity

in aluminium and other alloy die-castings.

"Vapour honing" is another process developed by this firm. In it fine abrasives in water or chemical emulsion are discharged against the metal surface to be treated. This reduces time spent in polishing and eliminates it for certain articles. In certain instances it is possible to plate direct on to a vapour-honed article, a technical achievement of considerable importance. Vapour honing is used to remove burrs from the eyes of needles, machine marks (before polishing) on the rotors of jet engines—and in fact, machine marks from a variety of articles.

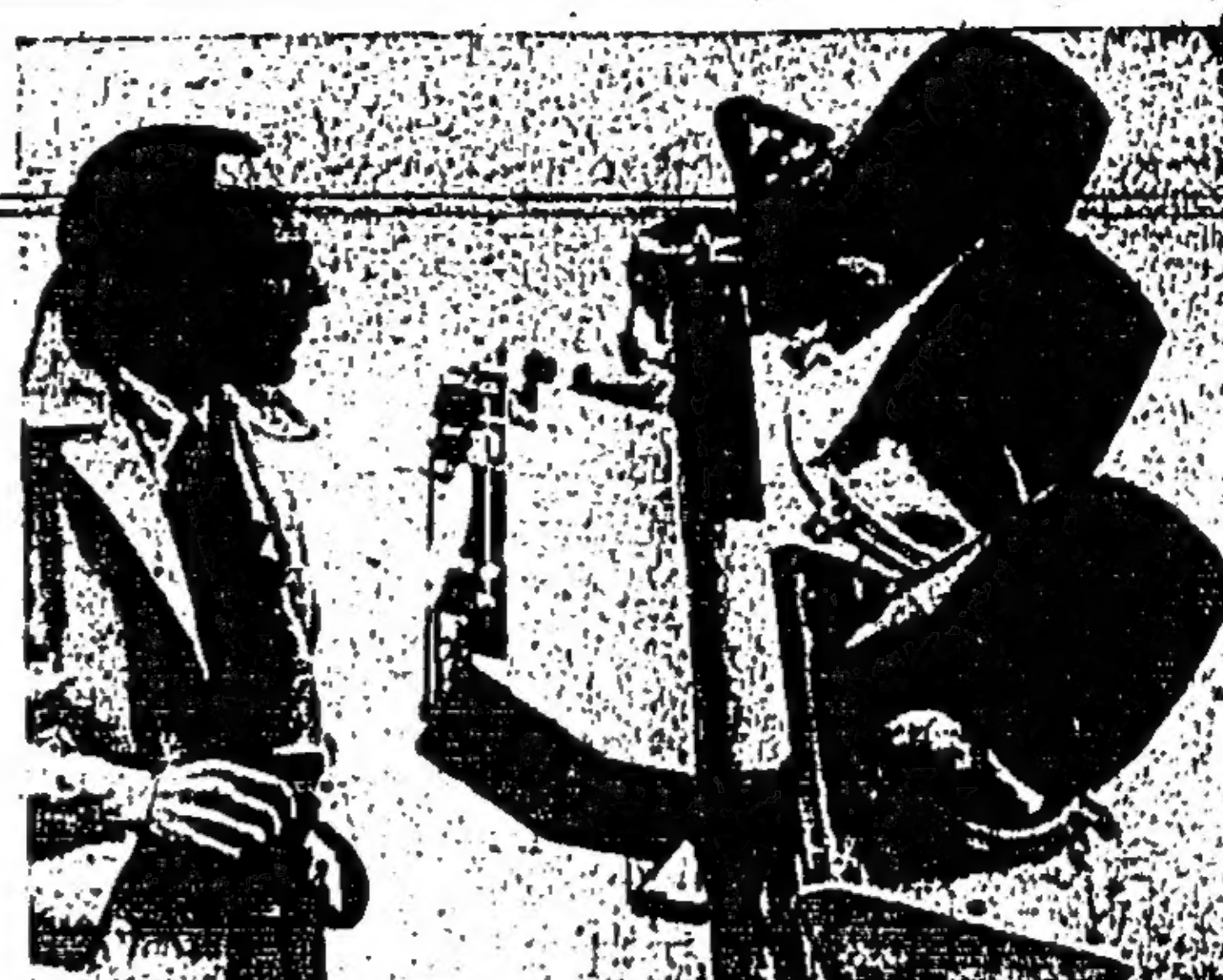
Prototype machines applying the new processes are being tested by the Manchester firm of R. J. Richardson and Sons. In view of the advances that seem likely in the technique of casting the new processes seem to have great possibilities.

New British Publication

A new British publication, designed to meet the needs of overseas buyers requiring information on new British farm machinery, is now being prepared.

Called "British Farm Mechanisation," it will be a link between engineers and farmers throughout the world. It has the approval of the Board of Trade, who have granted licence for the paper which will allow world wide distribution.

The first issue, which is expected to be ready in the spring, will total 80 pages on good quality paper including 16 editorial pages in two colours. It will be the only paper especially designed for overseas in this field. It will be the companion journal to "Farm Mechanisation," which has a wide circulation among farmers in Britain. (The publication is to be published by Temple Press Ltd., Bowling Green Lane, London, E.C. 1).



A new development aimed at reducing casualties on the road was demonstrated at Hayes, Middlesex, recently. It is a speaking device incorporated with traffic lights to address instructions and warnings to pedestrians using the crossing. Expressions are recorded on a strip and automatically "played" when the red, amber and green lights change. Ministry of Transport officials, police and engineers today saw inventor, A. Trayner, demonstrate the "talkie-lights," which he has developed in conjunction with the H.M.V. Gramophone Company. Photo shows Mr. A. Trayner, the inventor of the "talkie-lights," making an adjustment to the recording.

"New" Metals To Be Developed In Australia

By CHARLES LYNCH

Plans for the production of "new" metals in Australia are beginning to take shape, particularly in the West of the continent, where a £A500,000 company will treat and export tantalite, beryl and other rare minerals.

Plant for the treatment will cost £A80,000 and will be obtained in Australia and overseas countries by New Metals Pty. Ltd.

The new company will take over leases held by Tantalite Ltd. on the Pilbarra field, 80 miles inland from Port Hedland, on the West coast of Western Australia, and at Greenbushes, in the South of Western Australia. Plans have been prepared for a Western Australian port yet to be selected for the treatment plant, and stocks of tantalite and beryl have been accumulated in the mines in readiness for the processing.

Rosterite

It is reported that about 70 different minerals are to be found on the Pilbarra field. Some of these are not important commercially. The company's main interest is in tantalite and the caesium-bearing variety of beryl, which is known as rosterite. The tantalite is mined from a pegmatite dyke, and the beryl in the past has been regarded as a by-product of the operation.

Tantalite is now being used in industry to an increasing degree. It is valued for resistance to corrosion. Radar and electronic industries generally are big users. Two tons of tantalite worth about £A1,400 are required to produce one ton of tantalum, the price of which is often as high as £A36,000. Beryllium alloys possess hardness and strength, and beryllia is used for fluorescent lighting, and for television equipment. Caesium enters into the manufacture of photo electric material, and its salts are used in analytical chemistry. It commands a fabulously high price.

Cheyne Bay Sands

Exploitation of zircon-rutile-ilmenite bearing beach sands at Cheyne Bay, about 60 miles East of Albany, Western Australia, is another new project.

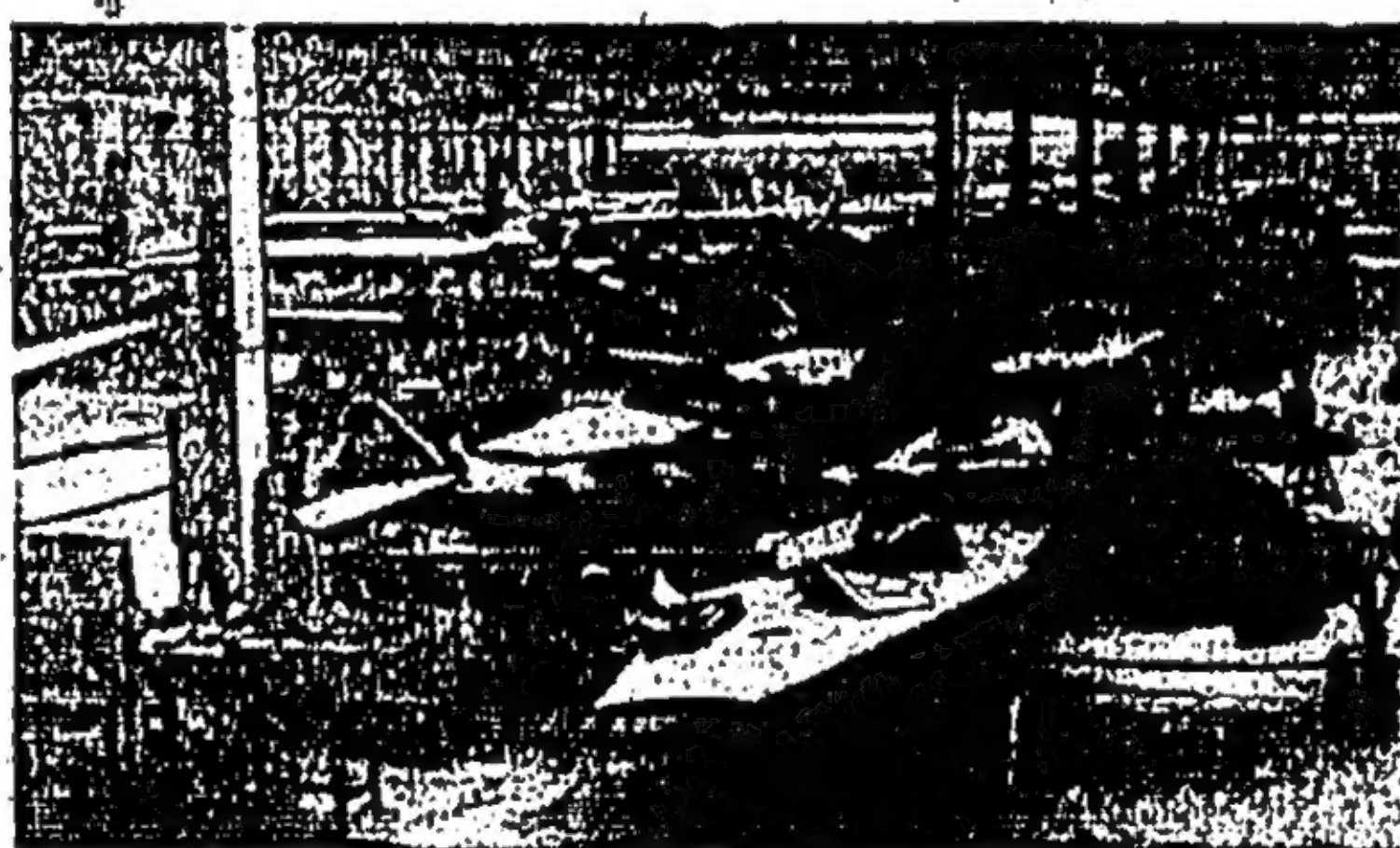
The fact that the Cheyne Bay sands are reported to be chrome free will facilitate recovery of the ilmenite content. Ilmenite, used in the manufacture of titanium oxide, is an important constituent of paints, and is imported by Australia in large quantities from Travancore, India. Ilmenite is also found in the Pacific beach sands of Eastern Queensland, and is exploited by a producing company.

BAKING BY INFRA-RED RAYS

The possibility of baking bread by means of infra-red radiation, and by high frequency heating, is being investigated by the baking industry in Sydney (Australia), where bakers have approached the Sydney County Council on the subject. Experimental work carried out in the United States of America, shows that there are yet many difficulties to be overcome.

Some of the problems are related to the rise of the loaf during heating, and uneven bulges which often lead to burning. Samples produced show that there are no craters on the loaves. Infra-red can be described simply as radiant heating which is governed by wave-length.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



A determined effort is being made by British aircraft manufacturers to supply the Forces and civil companies with the finest possible aircraft they can produce. In this picture aircraft of military and civil types are under construction at the De Havilland Aircraft works at Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

Suspension Bridge Test Models

Research workers of Britain's National Physical Laboratory are investigating the reaction of suspension bridges when exposed to gales by using a 52-foot model of a bridge in a wind tunnel. These experiments are to determine the design for the proposed bridges over the River Severn which flows through Wales and England which will be the largest suspension bridge in Europe, and the third largest in the world.

The model is mounted on a turntable so that it can be subjected to winds of 140 miles an hour from all quarters. It has been found that the construction of the bridge deck platform has a great effect on stability. A form of deck similar to the one used for the Tacoma Bridge in the United States proved unstable in a 40 miles-an-hour wind, in which the

model began to "gallop." (The Tacoma Bridge collapsed in a 42 miles-an-hour wind in 1940).

The suspension bridge to be built over the Severn will be able to withstand gales up to 140 miles an hour, though winds of such speed have never been recorded in Britain.

Experiments have already proved that one of the causes of disaster to suspension bridges is the practice of stiffening the roadway with solid girders running the whole length. The bridge is much stronger when the solid girders are replaced by open latticed ones. Experiments have also shown that the effect of wind on a suspension bridge deck is analogous to its effect on an aircraft wing. The result of the final test with the model is awaited with considerable interest by engineers throughout the world.

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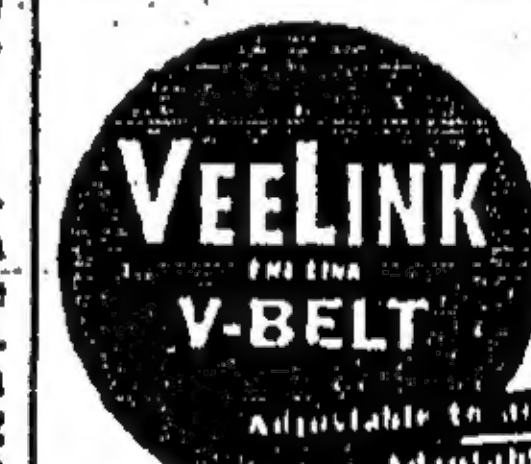
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Vietnam And Chinese Reds

Paris, February 1. Dr. Ho Chi-minh, leader of the Vietminh autonomists fighting the French in Indo-China, said today in a broadcast speech that he has a secret agreement with Mao Tse-tung, Chinese Communist leader. It is reported from Saigon.

During the broadcast, it was also announced that Van Yen Giep, right-hand man of Dr. Ho, called on all Vietminh forces to hold themselves in readiness for a general counter-attack against the French forces in Indo-China.—Reuter.

Unions To Meet In Peiping

Paris, February 1. An Asian fact-finding trade union conference will meet in Communist-held Peiping in the first week of May, the World Federation of Trade Unions Executive Committee decided here tonight.

The Committee, before ending its four-day session, also agreed to notify the United Nations Economic Council of the treatment by certain Asian governments of trade union officials.

The Peiping conference will be open to all organised labour movements.

The suggestion came from a five-member sub-committee headed by the Chinese delegate, Mr. H. T. Liu.

The Australian delegate, Mr. A. E. Monk, spoke of the trade union position in India, Malaya, Burma, Indonesia, Indochina and Siam, and said that in some of these countries unions are only allowed to operate as Government-sponsored organisations.

He doubted whether the Governments concerned will issue visas for delegates to travel to Peiping unless they are representatives of Government-sponsored unions.—Reuter.

FOREIGN FIRMS IN THE PI

Manila, February 1. Foreign firms and corporations may lease public lands for industrial and residential purposes, according to the Secretary of Justice, Mr. Sabino Padilla, today.

Under the present law on public domains, known as the Commonwealth Act, No. 141, Mr. Padilla said foreign corporations and partnerships are disqualified from purchasing or acquiring public lands for the exploitation of natural resources or for agricultural purposes.

The opinion was formulated this afternoon by the Justice Secretary at the request of Mr. Placido Mapa, Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.—Reuter.

Rome, February 1. Snow fell in Rome today for the first time this winter.—Reuter.

(The following is the first eye-witness report on the capture of Tientsin by the Communists and the conditions prevailing there now. The report, sent via Peiping, took two and a half days to reach Shanghai.)

Tientsin, January 30.

Although little more than a fortnight has passed since the fall of Tientsin, the city is quickly returning to normal, street barricades have been removed and the town will probably witness an economic boom if telecommunications are restored.

Hitherto the city has been isolated telegraphically while the railways are not available for the use of foreigners, who must obtain travel permits which nobody is authorised to issue.

While the protection of foreign lives and respect of properties is rigidly enforced, foreign enterprises are completely disregarded and unable to resume normal functioning.

Foreign banks remain closed despite their desire to resume, and consequently foreign traders are puzzled. Many are facing financial difficulties since the newly-created People's Bank is exchanging Gold Yuan and foreign currencies into people's money. A black market is in full swing.

Nobody seems authorised to assume decisions regarding foreigners' enterprises or their problems.

Reuter surrendered its communications wireless receivers and consequently had to disband its staff. The future of Reuters is linked with the overall arrangements and future relations with foreign states.

Tientsin's Truman, Roosevelt and Chung Cheng (named after Chiang Kai-shek) Roads have been renamed Reconstruction, New China and Liberation Streets.

Anti-American Slogans

Forty slogans for current use, issued by the Tientsin Executive Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, include: "Oppose American Imperialist Aggression in China," "Oppose the Revival of Japan's Aggressive Potential through American Imperialist Fostering," "Down with Chiang Kai-shek, Hunting Dog of American Imperialism."

Slogans also suggest the building up of a democratic and prosperous Tientsin, to improve production, pay equal attention to private and public interests, guarantee workers a reasonable living level, protect educational, cultural and religious establishments, and benevolence to surrendering officers and men.

The Communist Army is not humiliating surrendering personnel and is behaving in an exemplary manner.

The Communist armies occupied Tientsin with systematic calm and precision, displaying exemplary behaviour which was admired by both foreigners and Chinese alike.

Without mechanised units, modern transport and an air force, Communist infantrymen swiftly descended from all sides in organised formations, each man armed and weary after four days of waiting and skirmishing in the outskirts—still ready to smile and asking for nothing but a drink of water.

Sentries were promptly posted outside business houses whose display windows had earlier been blasted, thus preventing extensive looting which rifflers had attempted.

Some Fighting

Surrendering Nationalist troops were reportedly told that they had nothing to fear and, indeed, many

after going through the "hands-up" formality and being disarmed, were left unattended in groups pending arrangements being made for them.

But not all Nationalist troops gave up so easily. Bloodshed ensued, involving the use of mortars, which were mounted on trucks, hand-grenades and rifles.

The Nationalist retreat and defence along the streets of Tientsin was without system or organisation. Some defenders in uniform and equipment tried to disappear among the crowds.

Others threw away their ammunition and the roads were littered with grenades, rifles, ammunition, insignia, armbands and other military possessions which are still being gathered.

Warm Welcome

Nobody seemed in command or in control. It was every patrol, section or man for himself. Some tried to take refuge in private residences. At least one such group, comprising over 20 Nationalists, did not show their faces in the streets at all but played hide-and-seek until the shooting had subsided and then quietly surrendered.

By 11 a.m. on January 15, Tientsin was theoretically completely occupied. Some sectors of the city came in for heavy fire but others escaped unscathed.

When the Communist armies entered, they poured along all roads without getting into each other's way.

They rested on the pavements, paying little attention to civilians who commenced venturing outside their homes. Some pebble-balls appeared and more civilians, glad to have survived the historic ordeal of the previous several days, started moving about, inspecting their damaged houses and watching the new army marching in.

The Communists immediately found a warm welcome. At night, sentries were on guard duty and more troops, cavalry and carts, drawn by four horses each poured into the city.

Shell Property Destroyed

The Nationalists abandoned motor vehicles in mid-street while drums of petrol were thrown into the streets by worried warehousemen. The Communists went about their duties in a businesslike manner but were humane in their treatment of the Nationalists.

The Communists claim to have captured alive the Garrison commander, General Chen Chieh-cheng, and Mayor Tu Chieh-shih.

Despite the heavy shelling, foreign properties were relatively little damaged although fire consumed the Shell Oil Company's 5,000 drums of kerosene, 200 tons of Diesel oil and both warehouses.

Individuals and their experiences count for little in the over-all picture in which a new China is being born and where, despite the anti-American slogans, Hollywood films are being screened.—Reuter.

Canadian Destroyer For Far East

Ottawa, February 2. The Defence Minister, Mr. Brooke Claxton, announces that the Canadian destroyer Crescent has been detached from proposed Spring exercises and will be sent to the Far East for use in event of an emergency.

The destroyer will sail from Esquimalt, British Columbia naval base, within a few days for a specific destination has been decided upon.

Mr. Claxton said that if an emergency arises as a result of disturbed conditions in the Far East, Crescent will be available to assist in the evacuation of Canadian citizens.

Crescent had been due to sail with other units of the Canadian Fleet to participate in Spring exercises.—Associated Press.

The Man Who Financed Lenin

Berlin, February 1. The Swedish banker, Dr. Olof Aschberg, known as "The Man Who Financed Lenin," has returned to the Soviet Military Administration in Germany.

After 23 years of political activity, Dr. Aschberg, who in 1917 was alleged to have provided Lenin with the means of his successful return to Russia from exile, is now the brain behind the Soviet Military Administration's financial operations directed against Western Germany currency and Marshall Aid for the tri-zone.

The Eastern European economic plan was created by Dr. Aschberg after the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Trade had called him to Moscow in 1947 and entrusted him with the co-ordination of Eastern European financial co-operation.—Reuter.

PLAN FOR BERLIN GETS APPROVAL

Berlin, February 2.

Berlin's newly-elected City Parliament today gave a unanimous vote of confidence to its Mayor's programme of opposition to Communism and socialisation measures for industry.

The Mayor, Professor Ernst Reuter, also proposed that the West mark be adopted as the sole currency for Western Berlin and that the airlift be increased.

MURDERED TWO WIVES

Georgetown, British Guiana, February 1.

Lahuri, a 56-year-old East Indian immigrant, was yesterday sentenced to death for wife murder for the second time in 10 years.

His death sentence for killing his first wife was commuted to life imprisonment. Lahuri was reprimanded in August 1947. He killed his second wife with a cut-throat eight months after leaving prison.—Reuter.

DIVORCE ALLEGATION OF "SERIOUS INSULT"

Paris, February 2.

Prince Aly Khan's wife will allege in her divorce action that he "seriously insulted" her by announcing his desire to marry Rita Hayworth, the film star.

The Princess' lawyer, Jean Rapoport, announcing this, said that the papers in the case will be filed today.

"Serious insults" is one of the standard grounds for divorce in France.

M. Rapoport added that the divorce application will tell how Prince Aly and the American screen star have often been seen together since last summer.

It will also mention that she went with him to Ostend, Switzerland, at Christmas time to see his two sons.

Because of the children, M. Rapoport said, the application will be phrased in "moderate terms."

At a press conference, last month in Cannes, Prince Aly told reporters that the visit had been arranged by agreement with his wife, the former Mrs. Noel Guinness.

He said that he and Miss Hayworth will be married as soon as he is free.

"Conciliation"

Miss Hayworth was recently divorced from the actor, Orson Welles. They have a daughter, Rebecca, aged four, who was also at the Ostend Christmas gathering.

Prince Aly Khan and his wife will meet at a Paris lawyer's office on Thursday for the "conciliation attempt" which is compulsory under French law for all couples seeking a divorce.

Earlier reports said the Princess would apply in a month's time, but the proceedings have been speeded up by Prince Aly Khan's decision to take advantage of his British citizenship.

This will avoid delays through inquiries by French lawyers on the relationship of the divorce law to Indian customs. As the Prince will present himself as a British citizen, the case will be considered a normal divorce between two British subjects.—Associated Press and Reuter.

Asia On The March

London, February 1.

Vernon Bartlett, commentator in the Liberal News-Chronicle, today emphasises the importance of the Asian Conference in New Delhi.

He writes: "The collapse of Chiang Kai-shek's regime has pushed other news of the Far East into the background, but this first claim by the Asian countries to settle the affairs of their continent may prove even more important than China's change of direction."

"Everywhere in Asia the people are on the march," he continues. "In both continents the Communists are busily infusing the passions of the masses against those Europeans who have for so long dominated them and who yet, at the same time, taught them to value liberty."

"How queer a trick of fate that the strongest upholder of modernism among the peoples of Asia in their dealings with those same Europeans should be Mr. Nehru, whose nationalism has led him to spend so many years in British guile."

"How great a tribute to the Indian leader's character,"—Reuter.

French Loan A Success

Paris, February 1.

The Prime Minister, M. Henri Queuille, said in a broadcast tonight that subscriptions to the new French five per cent Government loan have already exceeded the minimum 100,000 million francs.

He added: "Taking into account the speeding up of subscriptions, I can say that yesterday's dealings have enabled us to go beyond the 100,000 million francs mark and almost 60 per cent of this is in fresh money."

Paris financial quarters think the present loan will be closed between February 15 and 20.—Reuter.

WINSTON APPEAL FOR RECRUITS

London, February 1.

Mr. Winston Churchill has accepted an invitation from the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, to deliver a recruiting speech in the campaign to speed up enlistment in the Territorial Army.

The announcement in the House of Commons today was greeted with cheers.—Reuter.

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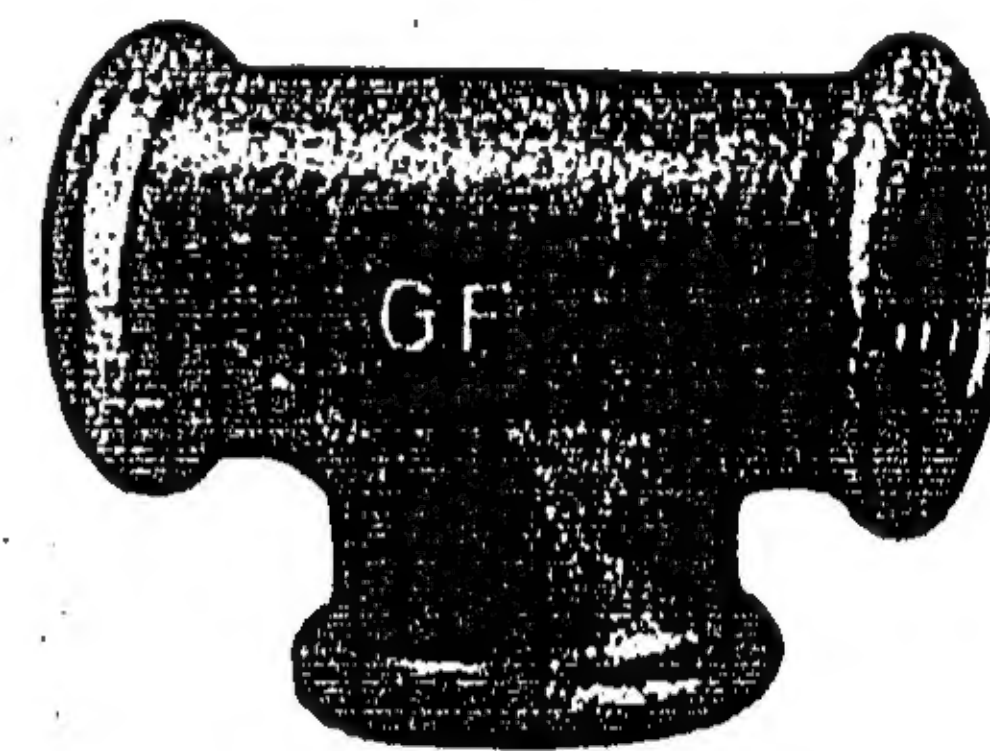
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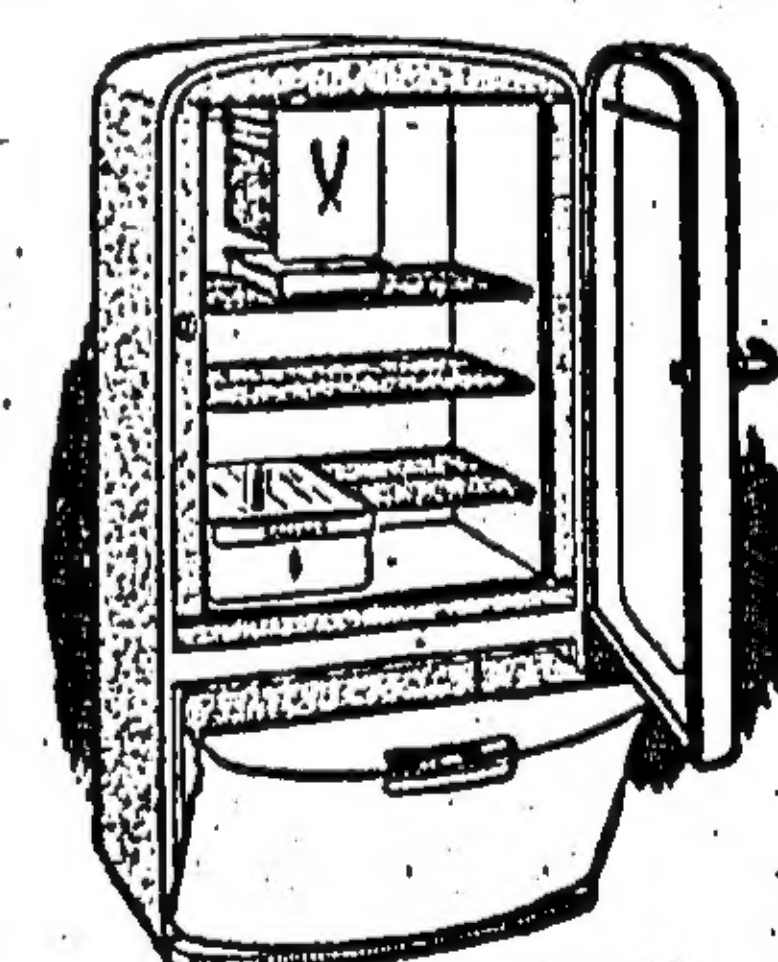
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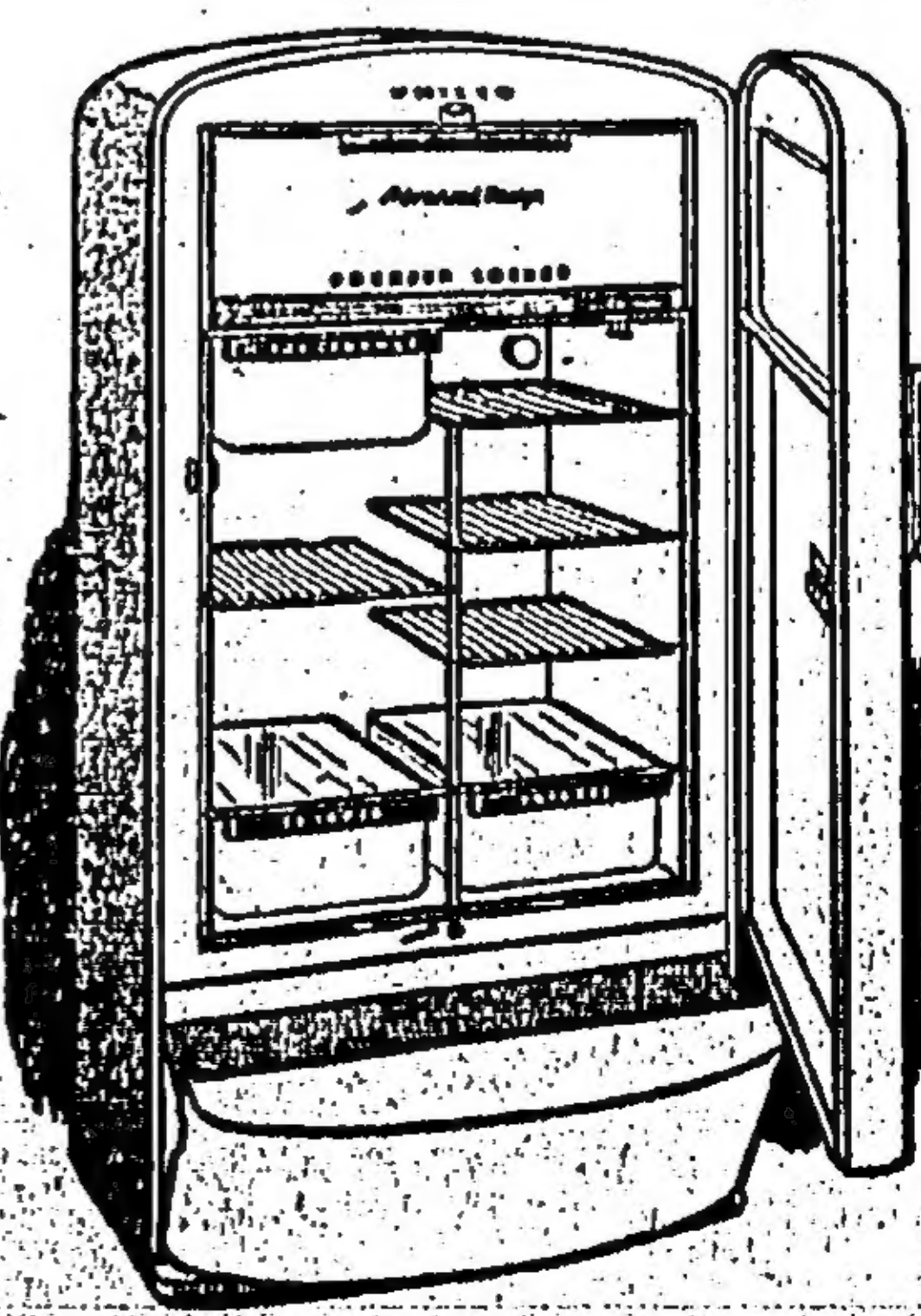


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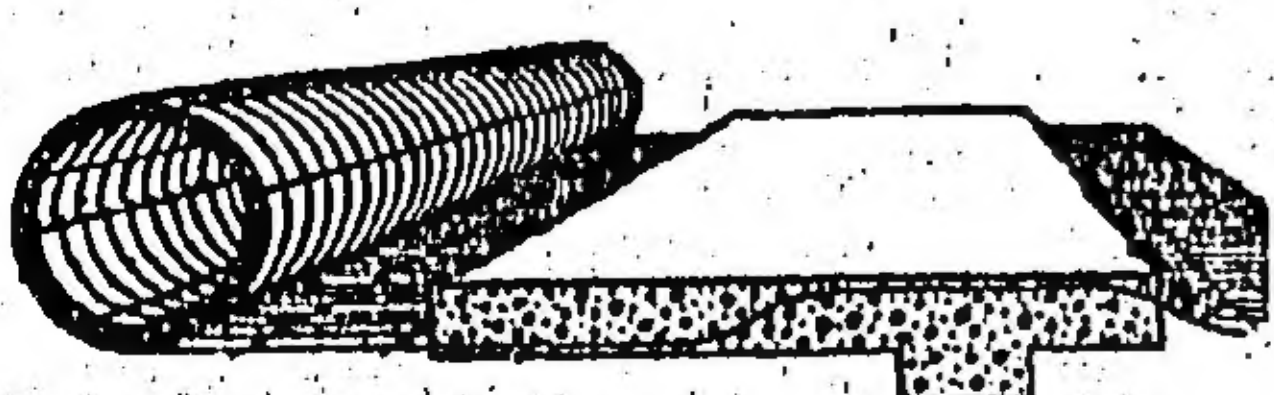
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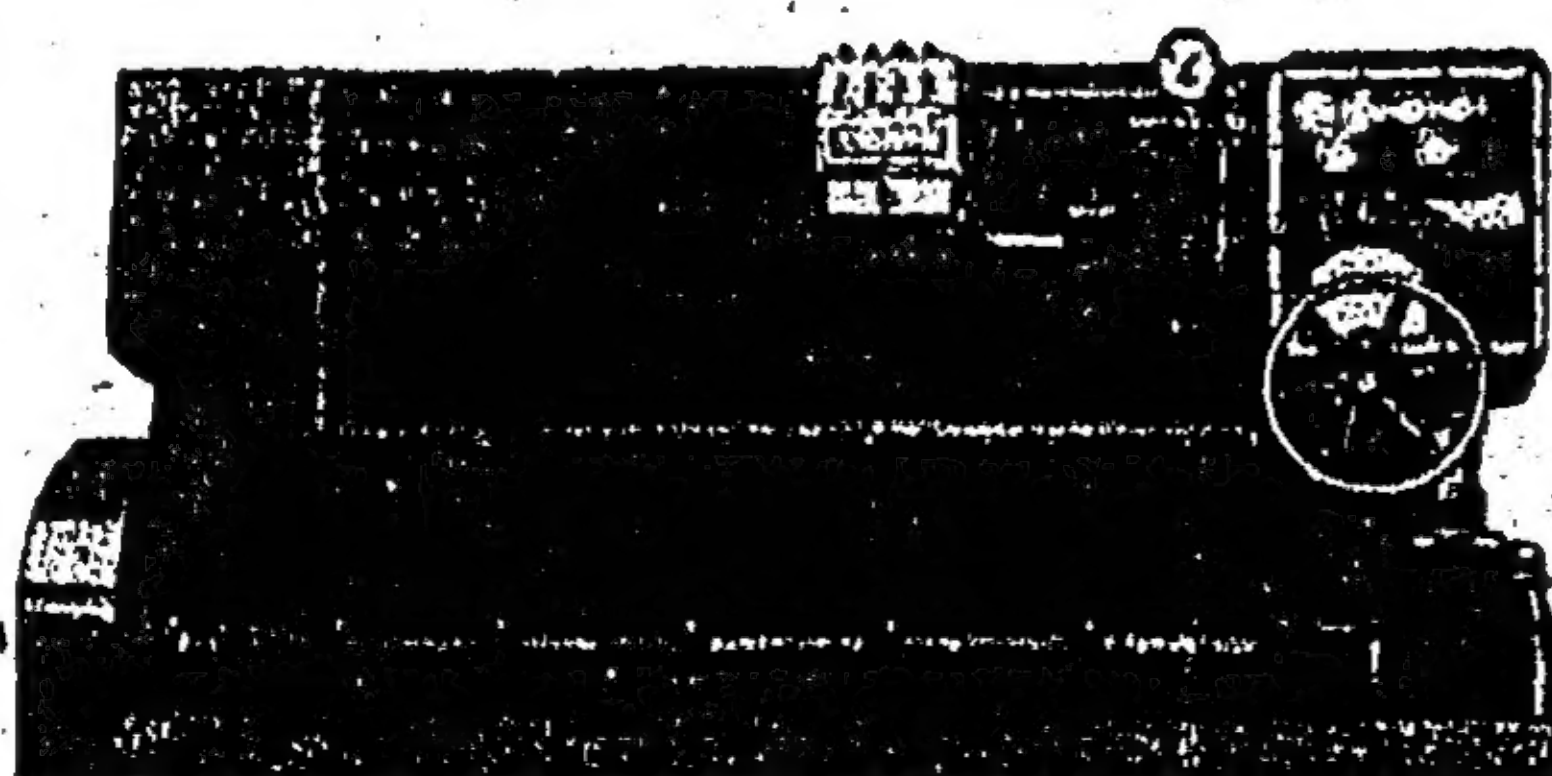
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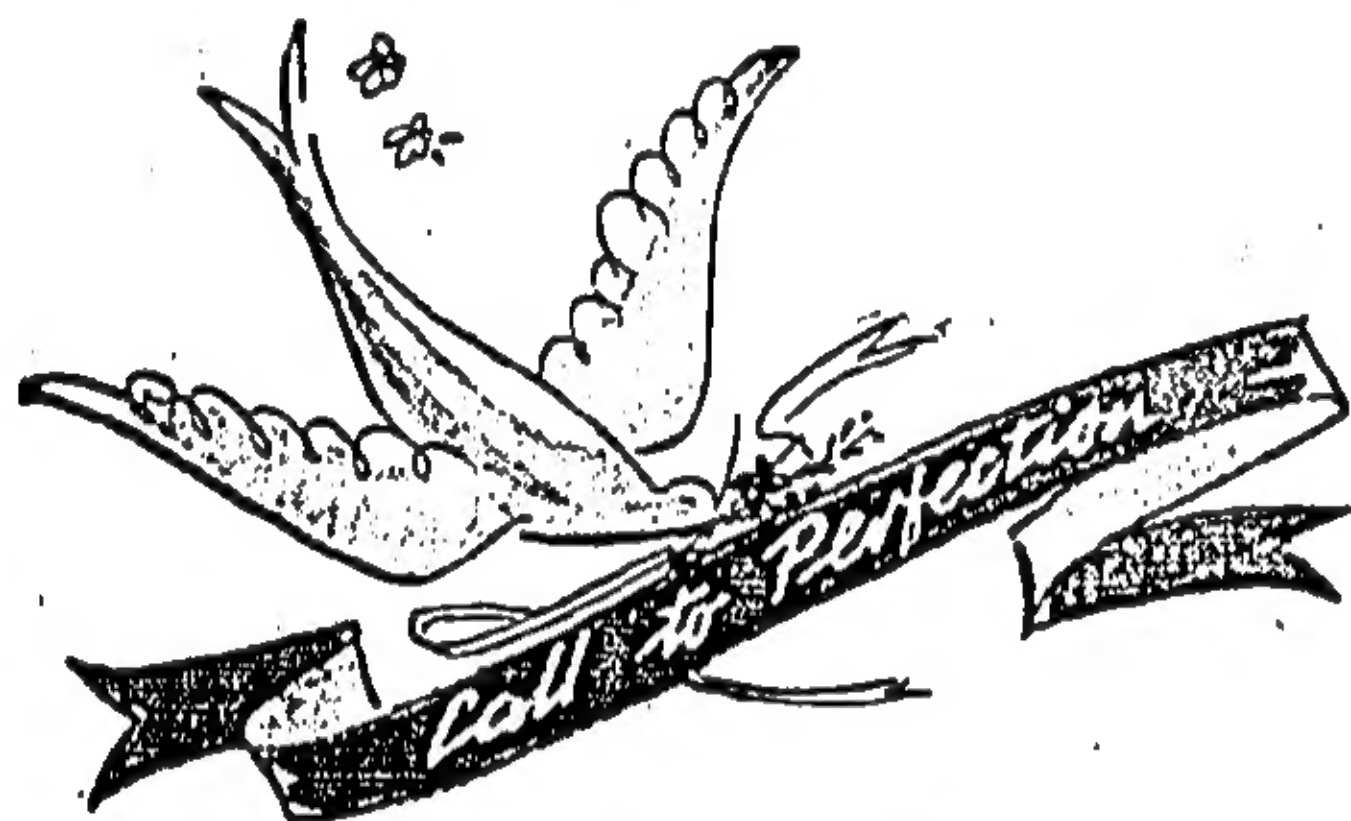
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Rangoon Ready To Recognise Karens

Rangoon, February 1.

The Burma Government is prepared to grant a separate State for the Karens—the country's largest minority now fighting the Government in a countrywide uprising.

The Government, however, is determined to prevent secession of that State even at the risk of civil war.

The Burmese Prime Minister, Thakun Nu, announced this today. It is officially announced today that General Nya Win, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Burmese armed forces, will succeed General Smith Dun, the Commander-in-Chief, who offered his resignation to the Government yesterday.

Pro-Government reports say that General Smith Dun's resignation is related to the Karen revolt. He is a Karen.

Administrative and key buildings in the capital were heavily guarded today as Government forces commenced clearing Karen tribesmen in the Northern suburbs.

Fighting along the Rangoon-Insein road has stopped, but tension is high.

Official sources say the Government has asked India to postpone the goodwill mission expected here tomorrow because of the grave situation in the country. The mission was to be headed by Dr. Pattabhi, President of the All-India Congress.

Gunfire Audible

The mission was coming to Rangoon to discuss with Burmese officials the question of compensation to Indian landowners under India's Land Nationalisation Act.

Gunfire was clearly audible in the suburbs of Rangoon earlier today when fighting continued between Karens and Burmese in Insein, 10 miles North of here.

All road and rail traffic was interrupted and telephone communications cut.—Reuter.

The conference is awaiting estimates from 55 participating nations as to the amount of their wheat expected to be available for export or import requirements.

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They indicate that their present request is similar, adding: "The lower the price, the more we can buy."

Both the Philippines and the Chinese recall that last year's proposed pact provided a price range from \$1.10 to \$2. They hope that something similar will be arranged in the present negotiations.

Both delegations indicate that a four or five year pact will be acceptable.—Associated Press.

Ex-Premier's Daughter On Stage

London, February 2.

Miss Mimi Sjahrir, pretty 19-year-old daughter of the former Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, will make her debut as a dancer in London on Friday night.

She will be the featured attraction in a programme of Indonesian folk dances to be held at Conway Hall for the benefit of the Indonesian Red Cross. She left Java at the time her father was Ambassador-at-large for the Indonesian Republic.

Miss Sjahrir, who came to London from Singapore, is studying the piano at Queen's College.

Her father, Sutan Sjahrir, is one of the most famous Indonesian Nationalist leaders. He was arrested by the Dutch during last December's military operations against the Republic.

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hoping for a settlement of the conflict between the Government and the Karens.

Hopes For Wheat Trading Pact

Washington, February 2:

Chinese and Filipino delegates to the International Wheat Conference believe the outlook is bright for world agreement on the international trade of wheat.

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Colour Bar In School

East St. Louis, Illinois, February 1.

Rock Junior High School here closed down today when about 400 white pupils walked out of classes when they learned that Negro children were in the building attending to enrol.

Ten Negro children, accompanied by adults, walked into Rock School before classes began and were seated in a vacant classroom. White pupils, accompanied by scores of parents, immediately walked out and many of them carrying signs urging Negroes to keep out, paraded around the school.

Two squads of police were on hand to keep order.—United Press.

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JEWS REJECT BUNCHE PLAN FOR THE NEGEV

Rhodes, February 2.

A reliable source said last night that the Jews have rejected completely the "Buncho Line" as a solution to the disputed boundaries of the Negev.

This strong action by the Jews followed radio communication with Tel-Aviv.

The Arab special emissary, Colonel Sherrine, who had taken the proposals to Cairo for acceptance or rejection did not return on Tuesday so that the Egyptian viewpoint is not yet known. He is expected back in Rhodes today.

On Monday, Dr. Ralph Bunche submitted several working papers to both delegations on a virtual "take it or leave it" basis.

The Jewish opposition to the "Buncho Line" is based on their claim that it is not "realistic" because it does not recognise certain areas won in the October and December offensives.

The Bunche proposals would return some of this territory to the Egyptians, the source said. This he will not allow.

Talks To End

Dr. Bunche and the United Nations political adviser, M. Henri Visier, have decided to leave Rhodes for New York at the end of this week, United Nations sources said in Haifa tonight.

These sources said they will end the Israeli-Egyptian armistice talks then, whatever the results. The talks, which began on January 13, have gone on much longer than was planned.

Meanwhile, Israel is prepared to discuss an armistice at Rhodes with Transjordan as soon as the present Israeli-Egyptian negotiations are completed.

Jerusalem Status

The Israeli Government has decided to terminate the military governorship of Jerusalem.

The effect of this move is to change the status of Jerusalem from "Israeli-occupied territory" to part of the State of Israel. The newly-elected Israeli Constituent Assembly will hold its first meeting in Jerusalem next month.

The military governorship was introduced last August until decision on the future status of the city was taken. The official statement does not make clear when the governorship will end, but a spokesman said the decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting last night and will go into effect soon, possibly next week.

Israel has insisted, since the Jewish State was founded, that Jerusalem be the capital. The military governorship is at present held by Dr. Bernard Joseph, a Canadian-born scholar.

U.S. Attitude

Jerusalem will now have the same form of civil administration as other Israeli cities.

It is authoritatively reported that during their recent meeting, President Truman told the British Ambassador to Washington, Sir Oliver Franks, that America will not oppose annexation of New Jerusalem to Israel together with a broad stretch of territory connecting it with the coastal plain.

The Jews have established a number of new settlements in this plain.—Associated Press and Reuter.

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Excessive Use Of Heroin

Geneva, February 1.

An expert committee of the World Health Organisation today demanded direct investigations into the excessive use by Finland and Italy of the dangerous habit-forming drug of heroin.

Last month, the United Nations Central Opium Board reported an enormous consumption of heroin by Finland.

The expert committee resolved today that further information is urgently needed on the present medical use of this powerful habit-forming drug and on the possibility of replacing it by less dangerous drugs.

The expert committee also framed a mechanism for identifying new synthetic drugs of a dangerous habit-forming character, at present known by a wide variety of names in different countries. It also urged that two extraordinarily potent new synthetic drugs—dolantin (also known as pethidine or demerol), used sometimes in place of morphine and atropine, and methadone (sometimes called amidone), placed under international control.

The committee said these two drugs are two or three times as powerful as morphine and pronounced them definitely habit-forming.—Reuter.

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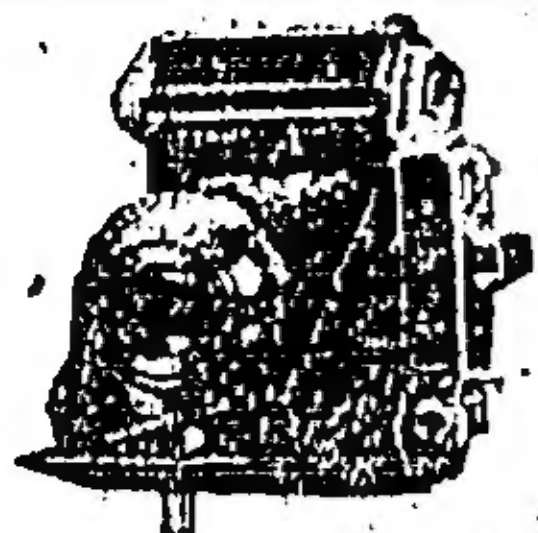
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DERBY TO MEET WOLVES IN SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

(By 'ALCYDES')

A full league programme will be played off this Saturday. There are also three cup replays to be decided on the same day. The match of the week will be at Derby County's Baseball Ground, where the Wolves are the visitors. The latter have displayed fine form recently, winning by three clear goals at Sheffield last week, and will most certainly extend Derby to the fullest.

Last season the Wolves won the odd goal in three, but on September 18, during the current season they shared four goals at Wolverhampton. My forecast is another draw.

Charlton reserve, after their home reverse at the hands of Portsmouth, travel North to Newcastle and the very memory of such a clash brings memories of that terrible cup defeat Charlton served out to Newcastle in March, 1947. They had beaten the Newcastle defence three times without reply at half time.

Newcastle have suffered two home reverses this season and Charlton have a habit of serving up good football away from home. Huddersfield and Preston have won at St. James' Park this season, so why not Charlton? At home to Manchester City, and should be able to maintain their unbeaten home record. The City have only recorded one win at Fratton Park since 1933, and they seem hardly in a position to check the run of what is probably the best trained team in country. A home win seems a good forecast here.

Southampton Idle

In the Second Division W.B.A. and Fulham have a chance to overtake Southampton, who are without a league game (Southampton should be playing Huddersfield P.A. but the latter have to decide their Fourth round cup replays with Manchester United). Fulham are due at Ewood Park for a game with Blackburn Rovers. The former are expected at least to hold the Rovers to a draw. Incidentally, on September 13 the Rovers forced a 1-1 draw with Fulham in London.

Lincoln City have a chance to improve their position by defeating their visitors from Leeds.

Nothing seems to stop the run-away lead of Swansea in the Southern Section of the league. They are due at Walsall on Saturday, and should obtain both points there. Brighton after last week's reverse should maintain striking distance by bringing back a brace of points from Aldershot. Aldershot's 0-4 victory at Brighton earlier this season must be regarded as a fluke and the seagulls will be all out for revenge. Both Rotherham and Hull are at home to Wrexham and Halifax, respectively, and both are expected to win.

Line-Ups For International Rugby Games

The following teams have been selected for the International Rugby Tournament First Round, at Chesham Bay, on Saturday, February 5:

ENGLAND

Full Back: A.B. Mitchell (Tamar).
 Three Quarter: Robinson (Club),
 Four Quarter: Wright (R.A.); Franklin (Club); De Rome (Club).
 Half: L. Fillech (R.A.); Cleme (Club).

Forward: C.R.E. Whynard (Tamar); Sgt. Newton (R.A.); Major Keyes (R.A.); L. Huppin (Ruff); L. Grey (Ruff); Carrel (Club); Captain: L. Spink (Ruff); Supt. Wright-North (HK Police).

WALES/IRELAND

Back: (R.A.) Jenkins (R.A.).
 Three Quarter: (R.A.) Swann (R.A.); Capt. Roberts (Ruff); Captain: Gnr. Richards (R.A.); P.O. Smith (Tamar).
 Half: Nolin (Club); A.C. Cooke (R.A.F.).

Forward: Inspector Oliver (HK Police); L. (E) Cl. Salmon (London); L. Goss (Ruff); Col. Jones (R.A.F.); Jones (Club); Gnr. Tucker (R.A.); Cpl. Scully (London); A. J. Hillyer (Hart).

SCOTLAND

Full Back: Leuchman (Club).
 Three Quarter: Capt. Fraser Harris (R.A.); Surg. Lt. Mackenzie (Dumfries); Crawford (Club); Robertson (Club).

Half: D. Henderson (Club); Major Wilson (Ruff); Captain: Forward: Forsgate (Club); McFarlan (Club); L. (E) McClelland (Tamar); Comdr. Dalgligh (Tamar); I.S.A. Annandale (London); Cpl. Rose Milne (R.A.M.C.); A. Taylor (Club); Cairns (Club).

INTERNATIONAL (Teles)
 Back: Mackie (Club); L. Hinkin (Dumfries); D. Nelson (Club); Lt. Friglock (Ruff); Cpl. Brown (R.A.F.C.).

Half: L. Coirde; Aitken (Tamar); T. Morgan (Club).
 Forward: (Club); Major Burnett (210th Gurkha Rifles); Baker (Club); Captain: Bowman (Club); Warner (Club); L. Murray (Alacrity); P.O. Stoenie (Tamar).

Reserves to attend at ground: Fitzroy Williams (Club); Minon (Club); Douglas (Club); Johnson (Club); Grey (Club); Slater (Club); Mid. Fagson; Mid. Salmon; Mid. Kemp; E.R.A. Jones (London); Paton (Dumfries); Sig. Atkinson (Alacrity); L. Winter (Ruff); Major Cunningham (R. Scott).

England v. International XV Kick-off 3.15 p.m.
 Scotland v. Wales/Ireland Kick-off 4.30 p.m.

Jerseys only will be provided at the ground.

Mysterious Ruins Found Under Sea

Rome, February 2.

Reports of the existence of three undersea towns in the Mediterranean, between Sicily and Tunisia, have stirred debate among Italian archaeologists.

A Greek, Johannes Roditis, considered in Sicily one of the best divers of the world, maintains that he visited the ruins two years ago.

He says: "Twenty-five metres below the surface, there are roads, and ruins of three magnificent ancient towns. The walls are still well preserved, under veils of shells and seaweed, while some statues are still there, among bushes of coral and giant seaweed."

Italy's Fine Art Board has investigated the reported find several times. Roditis himself says he dug from the ruins statues and pieces of earthenware vases.

Some Italian scientists believe the ruins may be those of an enormous dyke built by the Phoenicians, rather than towns.

Other archaeologists, however, say they may be towns existing a 1,000 years before Christ. An earthquake may have dropped the ground 50 to 75 feet below sea level, they contend.

Still another opinion is held by Professor Giorgio Pace, one of Italy's leading archaeologists.

He maintains that the towns probably lay on ground between Sicily and Tunisia which collapsed 2,000 years ago in front of Marsala, at the extreme Western end of Sicily.

Captain Giovanni Recardelli, a former diver of the Italian navy, who recently explored the sea

around the small island of Lampedusa—between Sicily and Tunisia—says the towns may be there because the ground is even and is similar to that along the coast of Sicily and the opposite Tunisian shore.

"There is no reason not to believe Roditis," Recardelli said. "I would like very much to see for myself, though." — Associated Press.

Entry Of DP's To America

Washington, February 2.

The Displaced Person Commission in its first half-yearly report issued today, urges the United States Congress to permit 400,000 war refugees to enter America in the next four years.

This is almost double the present programme which calls for the entry of 200,000 persons over a two-year period.

The three-man Commission says that its vast resettlement effort is lagging. The Chairman, Mr. U. Carus, told reporters that in the last six months of 1948, 2,507 displaced persons had reached the United States.

The total, he said, rose to 3,513 in January, and he predicts that the same number will enter in February. — Associated Press.

These Wives Don't Run

London, February 1.

Wives of British planters and miners in Malaya are carrying guns and keeping things going despite the "terror" war, and bullets ripping through the jungle, a London Evening News article said tonight.

The article, entitled "These wives will not run away" by the Foreign Editor, Harold Walton, said that the first signs of "solving" would be for these wives to leave their husbands "for not long afterwards the husbands might go too."

"That would be the first indication of British authority. So the wives stay," the article added.

Crediting planters and miners in her current economic straits, the newspaper said: "Come what may, the European and his wife will be out along the road, going about their lawful business, defying all that a brazen and blood-thirsty terror can bring against them." — Reuter.

Shanghai man dies in U.S.

New York, February 2. Ferenc Saffer, 62, an architect in Shanghai for 26 years, died here yesterday at the home of a brother, Charles. He came to the U.S. for medical treatment last March.

Mr. Saffer was born in Budapest, Hungary. He was active in the Chinese underground movement for four years during the war. He was forced to leave Shanghai in 1944 and walked across North West China to Chungking, where he furnished information to U.S. Army authorities. — Associated Press.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey XI

The following have been selected to represent the European Y.M.C.A. in a Hockey Association Fixture against Khalsa on Sunday, February 6, at 10 a.m., on the Y.M.C.A. ground:

Cunnes, Gorey, Boycott, D. T. Gills, Headman, Slater, Blenkinsop, A. Inglis, Lapsley, Hunt and Jakes.

Reserve: Smead.

Any player unable to play is requested to inform Mr. R. Gorey (Tel. No. 31281 or 57482) or leave a message at the European Y.M.C.A.

Sedgman-Hart

Adelaide, February 1. Frank Sedgman, who won the men's singles championship on Sunday, teamed with Doris Hart of the United States yesterday to win the Australian mixed doubles title.



Mr. Sydney Stanley, in his Park Street, London, residence, is shown reading the 10,000-word report of the Lynskey Tribunal appointed to enquire into allegations reflecting on the Official Conduct of Ministers of the Crown and other Public Servants—AP Photo.

Aussies Wait For Bromwich To Decide

Melbourne, February 2.

Sir Norman Brooke, President of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, stated today that Australia's Davis Cup team will not be announced until John Bromwich has decided whether he will be available.

Bromwich is reported to have sought a week's delay before giving his decision.

The selectors recommended that a team, consisting of Bromwich, as captain, Frank Sedgman and Bill Sidwell, with a manager, should challenge for the Cup, travelling via England, where they would play at Wimbledon.

If Bromwich is not available, Sedgman and Sidwell should be sent to Wimbledon, and then to America where they would be joined by a manager of experience, sent direct from Australia. — Reuter.

Gate Appeal Is What Joe Wants

Orlando, Florida, February 1.

Joe Louis will defend his world heavyweight title in June only if an opponent can be found with sufficient "gate" appeal, John Roxborough, the champion's adviser, said tonight.

Roxborough, following a week-end of conferences with Mike Jacobs, promoter of the 20th Century Sporting Club said that Louis will fight once more only if an opponent can be found capable of guaranteeing a large enough gate to justify the time and expense required to prepare for a championship fight.

Meanwhile, Louis has announced that if he does defend his title in June, it will be for the last time.

"It will definitely be my last one, I mean it this time," he said. — Reuter.

NO VISE FOR GERMANS

Washington, January 31.

The five-man German bobbed team entered for the world bobbed championship in New York next month were refused visas for the United States because their backgrounds make them ineligible for admission, the State Department said today.

The department declared that the team captain, Hans Killian, has a long history of active participation in Nazi Party affairs, and that his admission is not considered to be in the best national interest. — Reuter.

SEDGMAN-HART

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Mrs. Hart, who earlier had won the Women's Singles crown, and Sedgman defeated John Bromwich and Joan Fitch. — Associated Press.

Referee's Appeal Considered Withdrawn

At a meeting of the Appeals Board of the Hong Kong Football Association last night, Mr. C. Tunstall, soccer referee, told the Board that he had decided to have nothing more to do with Hong Kong Football.

The meeting, at which Mr. Tunstall made this announcement, was held to hear an appeal by him against the decision of an Emergency Sub-Committee of the HKFA regarding Tse Kam-ho of South China "A".

In the circumstances, the Board regarded Mr. Tunstall's action as equivalent to withdrawing the appeal and decided that the sum of \$50 which he had paid be returned to him.

The Appeals Board comprised the Hon. A. Morse (President), Sir Man Kam Lo, Colonel H. T. Alexander and Mr. J. McKelvie.

Mr. Tunstall was the referee in charge of the South China "A" team in the First Division soccer match played at Caroline Hill, on December 19, South China "A" won by four goals to three.

During the game, Mr. Tunstall gave "marching orders" to Tse for allegedly fouling Xavier of St. Joseph's.

No Action

Tse came before an Emergency Sub-Committee of the HKFA on December 23. After hearing the facts of the case, this Sub-Committee decided in favour of Tse, against whom no action was taken.

The finding of the Appeals Board last night was as follows: "The members of the Appeals Board discussed at considerable length the right of a referee to appeal in the circumstances of the case under the rules of the Association as at present framed and some doubt was expressed as to such right and as to the competency of the Appeals Board to hear the appeal."

"On Mr. Tunstall being invited by the President to state under what rule of the Association he based his appeal, Mr. Tunstall replied: 'Rule 65'."

"After a discussion with him as to the meaning of the word 'official' in Rule 65, having regard to Rules 10 and 20, and also Rule 15, the President indicated that the Appeals Board was prepared to hear the appeal subject to a ruling to be obtained from the parent Association, as to the right of a referee to appeal under Rule 65, if Mr. Tunstall was prepared to accept this course."

"Mr. Tunstall requested to be allowed five minutes to consider his position and shortly returned and stated that after consideration, he had decided to have nothing more to do with Hong Kong football and thereupon left the room."

"The Appeals Board in the circumstances regarded Mr. Tunstall's action as equivalent to withdrawing the appeal and decided that the sum of \$50 which he had paid be returned to him."

REFEREES' MEET POSTPONED

Because only six referees showed up, the extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association was postponed last night.

Fifty minutes after the meeting was to have started the six referees, including the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. F. da Silva, decided to postpone the meeting to February 14.

The following will represent the HKFC v. RAF at Soolunpoo on Saturday, kick-off at 4 p.m.: Mackenzie, Ritchie, Strangie, Weller, Fowler, Beck, Barclay, Mullen, Forrow, Main, Blackford.

Los Angeles, January 31. Pauline Betz, for long world tennis queen, today announced that she will be married on Saturday to Bob Adde, sports writer for the Washington Times Herald.

The shapely, red-haired professional tennis star said she met Adde 14 months ago when he was on a radio programme. United Press.

Let's Be Grateful To Russia

Moscow, February 2.

Crack British football teams like Manchester United, Arsenal and Glasgow Rangers might like to know that it was the Russians who introduced into football tactics the quick interchanging of forwards in an attack.

The newspaper "Soviet Sport" says that the "soccer world did not know a thing about 'inter-changing' until the Moscow Dynamics in 1945 and, later, the Army Torpedo team and others went touring Europe."

Foreign football writers are reminded that the system was worked out and perfected by these Russians "as far back as 1945." Now, says "Soviet Sport," the "bourgeois sporting press" is actively discussing these tactics.

"Soviet Sports" added that until Russian teams went abroad "the West paid little attention to the conditioning of athletes for victory."

"It was only after the victories abroad of Moscow Dynamics that soccer teams of the West took up training in a big way, it claims." — Associated Press.

La Beach Turns Down Offer

Melbourne, February 2.

The Panamanian sprinter, Lloyd La Beach, disclosed today that he has asked a sports syndicate for £1,250 to turn professional and run in their meeting at Bendigo, Victoria, next month.

His price, La Beach said, was not accepted. He added that he was approached first by the promoter of the sports meet.

La Beach said that "he may come back to Australia as a professional at a later date."

Herb McKenley, Jamaican track star, was also approached to turn professional. He said that he is not interested in the proposition. — Associated Press.

Wins 220

Melbourne, February 1. Lloyd La Beach, Panamanian Olympic ace, defeated John Bartram of Australia and Herb McKenley of Jamaica to win the 220-yard dash in 21.4/10ths seconds at the Victorian championships yesterday.

La Beach failed to finish in the 100 metres and Bartram won in 16.8/10ths seconds, 8/10ths slower than the record here. R. R. Watt of Australia was second. — Associated Press.

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Lunar New Year Bad Day For Recs, IRC

(By "MID ON")

Chinese New Year was a bad day for Recreio and Indian RC as far as cricket was concerned, for both these Clubs suffered defeats in both divisions of the Cricket League—Recreio going one better than the IRC by losing two First Division games on successive days.

As a result of these lost games, Recreio are not now in such a good position for championship honours, Army having the same number of points as this Club, with more games in hand.

On Saturday, Recreio managed only 131 runs when they took first innings in their game with the Army (at King's Park) after which they allowed the visitors, to pass their total with three wickets in hand.

Albert Rodrigues (35) and Eddie Gosano (25) were the top scorers for Recreio while L. G. Gosano helped with an invulnerable 20, but this total was not good enough for the Army despite the strong Recreio attack.

Major Dave played a forceful innings for 72 not out to lay the foundation for an Army victory. Jones, with 3 wickets for 24, was the most successful bowler for Army, with Banton helping along with 4 for 54 and Steps 2 for 35.

Stout-Hearted Bowling

Spatty Pereira bowled stoutly for Recreio to take 5 for 63 but Eddie Gosano failed to come off and that, perhaps, was the answer.

On Monday, also playing at home, Recreio could only score 113 against Kowloon CC, who had no difficulty in winning, thanks to a fine all-round performance by Francis Zimmerman (7 for 45 and 63 runs) and a useful innings for 33 by W. M. Davidson who opened the innings with Teddy Fincher. Prata (44) and G. N. Gosano (25) were the only Recreio bats who could get going.

Indian RC should have won their game against the Navy had they pressed home their advantage but they lost by eight wickets.

IRC batted first and thanks to 48 and 44 by Abbas and A. K. Jamal respectively, managed to reach 152 for 6. Then Navy went in and lost two quick wickets (both to John Aruelli) and for reasons known only to himself, Abbas decided to rest Aruelli who was bowling really well.

Navy were quick to take advantage of this respite and Grant (77 not out) and Hart (46 not out) proceeded to punish some mediocre bowling unmercifully.

No Difficult Task

When Aruelli was put on again he had lost the deadlines which he showed in his opening overs and run-getting was no difficult task for the Navy batsmen.

Army beat Recreio Juniors at Soolunpoo full points from IRC seconds at King's Park by eight wickets, a couple of dropped catches and one or two doubtful decisions upsetting the IRC field completely.

A very enjoyable game was played at Chater Road on Monday when HKCC beat Chater Services by four wickets. Murray Brown (58) and Twelvetroes (54) put up a big opening partnership for the Services who totalled 167 but Kerr (62), Alec Pearce (38) and Newton (40) put Club in a formidable position and they were eventually able to knock off the 4 runs with four wickets to spare.

German Communist To Lodge Appeal

Duesseldorf, February 1.

Max Reimann, West German Communist leader, is to appeal against sentence of three months in gaol passed on him today.

Reimann was sentenced on charges arising out of a speech he made in Duesseldorf on January 2.

He had been charged with having said that German politicians will one day have to bear responsibility for the Ruhr statute before the German people.

This charge had been modified from the prosecution's original allegations that he had described German politicians as "quacklings" and that the time will come when they will have to count with "republicans" from the German people.

Reimann was charged with discrimination against persons who had given, or might give, assistance to the British Military Government.

Giving judgment, the magistrate, Herr Meisch, said that the offence would have been serious if permitted by anyone, but when committed by the leader of a political party and in the circumstances disclosed, the offence became considerably aggravated.

To Reimann, the magistrate said: "You committed a grave offence in using words calculated to inflame the people whom you were addressing and to make them regard German politicians as traitors. The words went far beyond legitimate criticism."

Mr. Dudley Collard, defence counsel, had pleaded circumstances in mitigation, and Herr Meisch said that, having regard to Reimann's character, he would sentence him to three months' imprisonment as from today.

Mr. Collard applied for leave to appeal and asked that Reimann be released on bail. The magistrate said that he would give no objection to that course, but the question should be considered by another magistrate. — Reuter.

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